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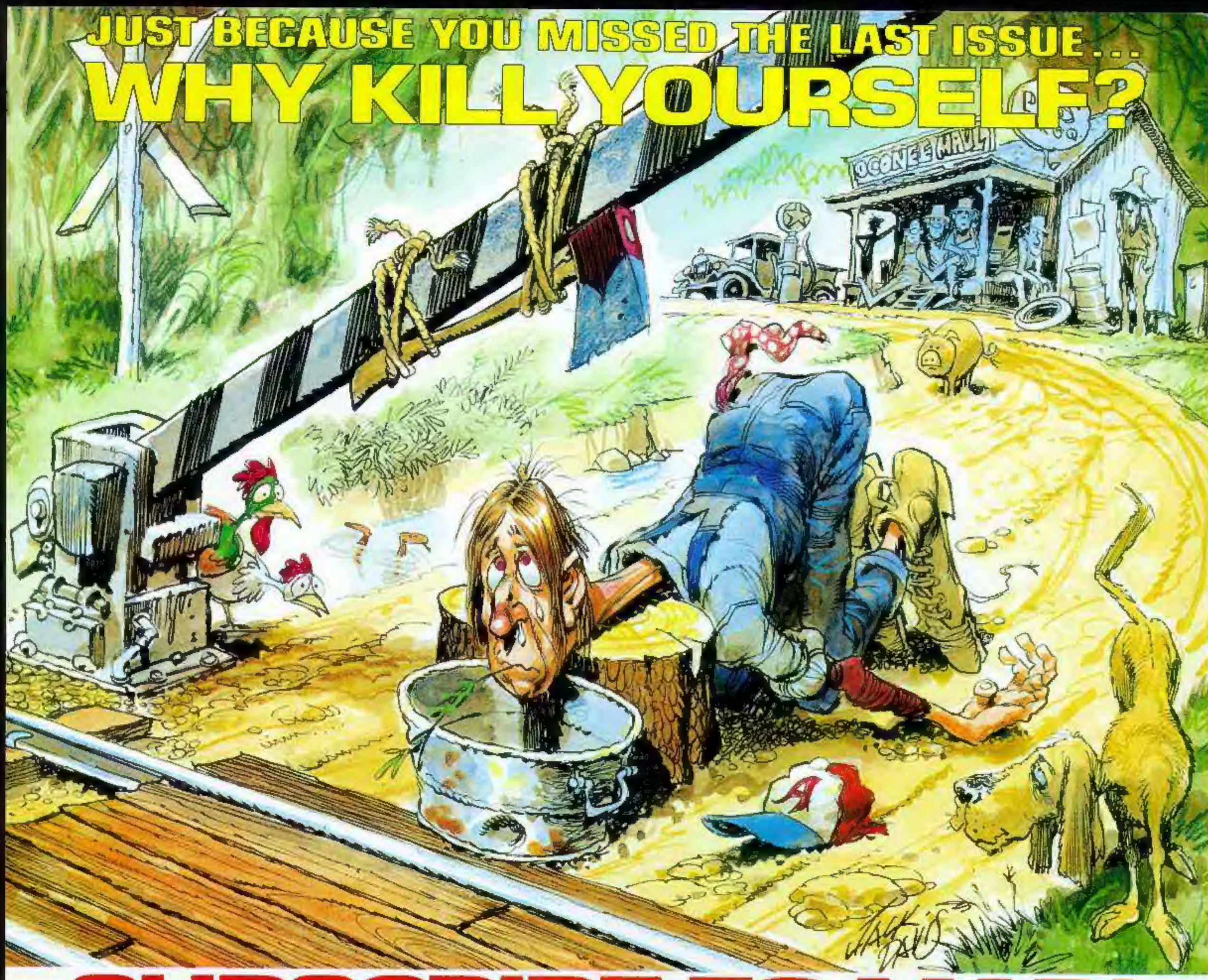

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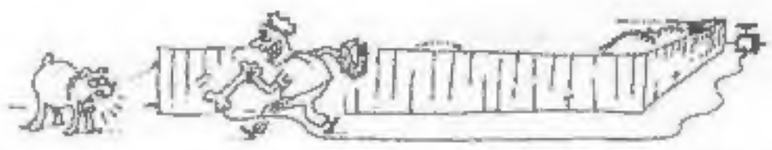
LETTERS &

CELEBRITY SNAPS

Enclosed is a picture of me (the big guy with the goofy hair) and Roy Lichtenstein, one of the fathers of pop art. His paintings have revolutionized the art world, although I don't quite get why a bunch of cartoony drawings with odd dialogue is so great (that's really all MAD is anyway)! I hope that you will print this because if not, it means I bugged Roy Lichtenstein for no reason!

Ben Valentine
Delaware, OH

Roy Lichtenstein? What a coincidence! We recently heard that President Clinton announced he will not, under any circumstance, send any U.S. troops to Lichtenstein! We, however, WILL send a free three year subscription to Ben! See how easy it is? Just send us a photo of yourself and an incredibly famous celebrity both holding MAD and if we print it, you'll win the three! A trio! Tres! The Hat Trick!



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OH SHEA CAN YOU SEE?

Actor John Shea, star of ABC's Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman recently dropped by the MAD offices to pick up a copy of our satire "Lotus and Cluck" in issue #336! He immediately took the issue and, as his character on the show Lex Luthor might, fashioned it into some sort of weird Kryptonite Dickey! It was nice of John to visit us since last Summer the MAD staff took a trip to Shea Stadium! Fa fa fa!

"SAFE MTV VIEWING"

I was reading issue #341 and in "MAD's Parental Guide for Safe MTV Viewing" you said it takes 17 muscles to smile. This is untrue. It only takes 14 muscles to smile. You should know this — I do, and I'm only 12!

Lauren Wolfe
Wilkes-Barre, PA

Lauren — after reading your letter, We dry heaved, which coincidentally also requires 17 muscles — but not the same 17 it takes to smile! Actually, our tally included the three extra muscles the typical slack-jawed MTV viewer requires to crack a grin! Someday you'll know about such things — maybe when you're 13! —Ed.

In your MTV article in MAD #341, you had the Green Day video playing on a "Moronola" TV. I suspect that this is a takeoff of a Motorola television. This is all fine with me except for one little thing. Motorola hasn't made a single television in fifteen years!! That television looks a lot newer than fifteen years! Get with the program, huh?

Matthew Holden
Son of a Motorola Engineer
Chatham, NY

Sonny Boy — Indeed, we are all painfully aware of the tragic plight of the once proud Motorola Corporation. Years ago, Motorola was at the forefront of modern television technology. Now, it is a sad, disgraced shell of its former self, getting its brains beat out by the likes of such ersatz companies as Samsung and Goldstar! In his book, "The Pathetic and Shameful Collapse of the Once Great Motorola Company" (Merkle Press, 1984), business writer H. Norman Peckins writes on page 418 that the "pathetic and shameful collapse of the once great Motorola company dovetails almost uncannily with the company's decision to hire an engineer named 'Holden.'" He gives no further details. Thanks for writing! — Ed.

'TRADE NOT!

I am a big MAD fan. I have issues from 1961. Oh, by the way, how do you like the MADmobile I made? It would be gladly traded for MAD #1. Think about the offer! MAD rules!

Jordan Harris
Millersport, OH

Jordan — We don't want the MADmobile, but we'll be happy to swap you a mint condition MAD #1 if you can come up with one of those great, classic TV sets that Motorola used to make before they hired that Holden guy! Whaddaya say? Is it a deal? — Ed.

TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

JENNIFER-LY SPEAKING

I recently wrote to you and requested various favors pertaining to Miss Jennifer Aniston of the NBC sitcom *Friends*. As of yet, I have received no reply of any kind. Maybe I am being unfair and haven't given you enough time yet, but unless something is done soon, I will be forced to cancel my subscription. In a recent issue (#339), you said to Mr. Sal Attinello, "We're in the business of fulfilling reader's wishes..." Maybe you forgot what I asked for, or my letter got lost in the mail, so I will repeat my requests. First of all, ask her if she will marry me. If she refuses, have her send me a frameable picture of herself lathered up in the shower. If she doesn't want to do that then have her send me a picture of herself while dressed in her underwear. If that can't be done I will settle for a regular autographed picture or a letter from her. By the way, I am not a stalker or anything, but rather a 15-year-old male with no other life than watching *Friends* on Thursdays.

Andrew Hensel
New Matamoras, OH

Ando — We are in the business of fulfilling reader's wishes, and we used every bit of "Hollywood Juice" we had to acquire the photos of Miss Aniston you requested, but alas, we were unsuccessful. We have, however, come up with what we think is a very delicious substitute — a vintage photo of MAD's own Lenny Brenner all lathered up (just the way you like)! As a bonus, we're also including a photo of MAD's own Lenny Brenner covered in tomato paste! (Bet you'd like to see Jennifer try that, huh, huh?) Clip out these wallet-size pics and keep them with you always as your "pocket friends"! —Ed.

Everyone's "Pocket Friend" — MAD's own Lenny Brenner — the way Andrew H. likes 'em!

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OSCAR MIRED DEPT.

Every year, Hollywood's biggest players don their best Armani, hop inside limos bigger than your living room and gather to pat themselves on their collective backs for another job well done! That's right, they actually have the chutzpah to hand out Oscars to members of an industry that produces products like *Tank Girl* and *Jade!* Well, this year, we've gathered Hollywood's biggest players and invited them to...

Here we are at *The First Annual MAD Alfie Awards*, and what an evening this is! **Movie stars** and even **more important** people — their **agents, financial managers** and, most importantly, their **plastic surgeons** — are **all here** tonight to honor the **films**, the **directors** and the **performers** who have taken movies from a **raw art form** and made it into a **form of raw sewage!**

Ms. Stone, since your **triumph** in *Basic Instinct* you've made several **bombs** in a row! One, *The Quick and The Dead*, you even **produced!** I was wondering if you **consult** with **anyone** when you make **important career decisions!**

I have a **profes-sional** on my **staff** who gives me **career advice!**

Who? A **lawyer?**

A **physician** — **Dr. Jack Kevorkian!**

John Travolta, congratulations on your **amazing comeback!** You're one of **Hollywood's biggest stars** again!

It's a **dream come true!** For years I've wanted to make **enough money** so I could **buy up** the **negatives** to *Look Who's Talking*, *Look Who's Talking Too* and *Look Who's Talking Now!*

While **you're at it**, see if you can **get all** the **prints** to *Perfect*, *Urban Cowboy* and *Staying Alive!*

There's **Hugh Grant!** He's here to **pick up** an **award** for **Best Short Subject!**

Oh? What was he **in?**

The **back seat** of a **BMW!**

THE ALFIE

HOOKER

THE ALFIE AWARDS

MAD SALUTES THE MOVIES

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: STAN HART

Arriving now is **Kevin Costner!** He needs to **drive** around in an **armored car** to **protect** all the **money** he earned this year as the **producer/star** of ***Waterworld!***

Actually, I need to **ride** around in an **armored car** to **protect me** from **all the people** who paid their **hard-earned money** to see ***Waterworld!***

There's **Steven Seagal!** His **salary** doesn't **compare** to the **really big stars!** I understand that for his **last movie**, ***Under Siege 2: The Dark Territory*** he only made a **meager few million dollars!** Poor guy!

Hey, **save** your **tears** for the **flick's backers!**

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THERE BUT FOR ME GO I.

There's **Woody Allen!** In ***Mighty Aphrodite*** he plays a **middle-aged man** who **adopts a child...**

...and then ends up **sleeping with the child's mother!**

Hey, **that's a switch for him!**

Uh-oh...

Oprah, Uma! Uma, Oprah!

Dave, Pink Slip! Pink Slip, Dave!

I'm here with the latest **James Bond, Pierce Brosnan!** Tell me, **Pierce,** did you do all those **astounding stunts** in ***GoldenEye*** **yourself?**

No, the **producers** insisted on **bringing** in a **stuntman to do** all my **action scenes for me!**

Too bad the **producers didn't** insist on **bringing** in **Sean Connery** to do all his **ACTING scenes** for him! Then you would have had a **really great Bond flick!**

MORT DRUCKER

I'm **Roseanne**, your **emcee** for the night! I suggested they hire **David Letterman** since this promises to be a **sucky evening**, and after his **performance** on last year's **Oscars show**, he'd **fit right in!** But enough of this **small talk crap!** Let's get this **over with** so I can **party and eat!** Each **winner** will receive an **Alfie statuette**, signifying they really **screwed up big time!**

Our first **category** is "The **Worst Movie Based On A Comic Book**"! The first nominee is ***Tank Girl***, a film set in the year **2033**, and **by then** maybe a **hundred people** will have **seen it!** It's based on a **DC comic** that **nobody reads!** The **good news** is we **lost** the **clip!** The second nominee is ***Judge Dredd***, which is based on a **DC comic** that **nobody knows!** This movie **makes** sure the **secret remains safe!** Roll the **stupid clip!**

I can't **believe** you're a **judge!**

After **Clarence Thomas** was **approved** for the **Supreme Court**, anything is possible!

And the **winner** is ***Batman Forever***, based on a **DC comic everyone knows** but **no one cares** about anymore! It's kinda like **another** DC product, **MAD Magazine** — only **funnier!** By the way, the "**Forever**" in the title refers to the **amount of time it feels like** when you **sit through** this **boring movie!**

I'm **here** to **help you!**

What **makes you** think I **need it?**

When the **actor** playing the **villain** in a movie is a **much bigger star** than the guy playing the **title role**, believe me, you **need** all the **help** you can get so the **audience will pay** at least **SOME attention to you!**

The **Irving Smallberg Award** honors the **studio exec** whose **stupidity** served as an **industry role model!** It goes to **Disney's Michael Eisner** for making ***Powder***, a **family film** directed by **Victor Salva**, a **convicted child molester!** What's you **next project**, Mike?

It's **either** the story of **Bob Packwood** starring **O.J. Simpson** or the story of **O.J. Simpson** starring **Bob Packwood!** The **script** is **still** in the **talking stage**, but the **casting** is **set in concrete!**

The **Gene Threshold Humanitarian Award** is given to a **person** who **contributes significantly** to the **happiness** of **mankind!** This year's **winner** is **Jerry Lewis!**

But I **haven't made** a **movie** in **years!**

Why do **you think** you're **getting** the **award?**

MAX KORN PAVILION

Who's Jerry Lewis?

This next **category** is called "**Pretty and Pretty Pitiful**"! If you **want** to see the first nominee's **acting ability**, you have to **use** your **memory** and recall ***The Grifters*** and ***Bugsy***! If you **use** your **admission ticket** to ***The American President***, you **won't see Annette Bening doing** much of **anything**!

The **second nominee** is **Cindy Crawford**, who made her **film** debut in ***Fair Game***! Maybe in her **next picture** she'll make her **ACTING** debut!

I thought **people** got **frisked BEFORE** they went into the **Oval Office**!

Not anymore! This is one of the many **changes** brought about by the **Clinton Administration**!

Why are there all these **explosions and car chases** in this **movie**?

We **had** to do **something** to fill the **empty spaces** between your **nude scenes**, which are the **reason** this **film got made** in the **first place**!

Next up: the "**Shelly Long Memorial Award**," also known as the "**You Shoulda Stayed In TV Award**"! Former winners include **Ted Danson** for ***Made In America***, **Tom Selleck** for ***Mr. Baseball*** and **Kirstie Alley** for ***It Takes Two***!

And the **winner** is **Wesley Snipes** for his portrayal of a **transvestite** in ***To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar***! He was so **convincing** that my **ex-husbands** are trying to **get in his pants**!

Thanks, **Roseanne**! Since **black actors** never get the **big money** that **white action stars** like **Stallone** and **Willis** get, I might as well **try** to **get** the **money Whoopi Goldberg gets**!

And the **winner** is, hands down, the putz who **left** the **highly successful, high-profile** TV show ***NYPD Blue*** to become an **unsuccessful, high-profile failure** in the movies — **David Caruso**! Check out **this scene** from his **latest gobbler**, ***Jade***!

I've seen **photos** that **show** the governor **in bed** with **women other** than **his wife**!

I **don't believe** it! If word **gets out**, he'll **never** be **governor** again! Of course, that **doesn't rule out** him being **president**!

FOTOS

In the category, "**The Fastest Movie — From Big Screen To The Video Store,**" our first nominee is ***The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers!***

The **second nominee** is ***Dangerous Minds,*** yet another movie about **tough kids** and how they learn to **love school** thanks to a **dedicated teacher!**

We must **defeat** these **villains** or they will **destroy planet Earth!**

Why **bother?** If **they don't** do it, **Newt Gingrich** and his fellow **anti-environmentalist Republicans** will!

She **keeps** giving us **candy bars** whenever we do **anything right!** She's trying to **bribe us** into being **good students!**

Bull! She's trying to give us **diabetes** to **get rid of us!**

And the **winner** is ***Outbreak,*** **Dustin Hoffman's fifth bomb** since he won an **Oscar** for ***Rain Man!***

The **first nominee** in the "**Chutzpah**" category is **Demi Moore,** co-producer of ***Now and Then!*** Although she, **Melanie Griffith** and **Rosie O'Donnell** are featured **in the ad,** they only **appear briefly** as **wrap-arounds** for three **twelve-year-old nobodies!**

Thank **goodness** we have these **impregnable anti-contamination suits!**

Yes and **no!** The **good part** is that they **protect us** from any **viruses!** The **bad part** is that **I have diarrhea!** Phew!

It's a **great deal!** We **filmed** all our scenes in **one morning, collected** our **money** and **went off** to our **other film shoots** in the **afternoon!**

When you hire your **untalented brother** to **co-write** a **screenplay** with you, that's **chutzpah!** Nominee **Eddie Murphy's** ***Vampire In Brooklyn*** is the result!

And the winner is **Jim Carrey** for ***Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls!*** To get **$20 million** to do the **same thing** he did in the **first picture** is **lunacy!** Then again, **Stallone's** been getting **millions** for doing the **same thing** in **every picture** for **years!**

I'm going to **bite** your **@#%ling throat** and **drain** your ***%!@ing blood** so you'll be my **#!$@ing bitch** forever!

His **entire act** is based on the "**F**" **word!**

Yeah, **too bad** that "**F**" **word** isn't "**funny**"!

It would have been a **lot easier** if he had had some **bran** in his **damn diet!**

Well that **wraps it up** like **yesterday's fish!** Now **outta my way!** There's a **buffet to be had!**

PUTTING OUR THIRTY TWO CENTS IN DEPT.

THE POST OFFICE RECENTLY ISSUED A BLOCK OF STAMPS HONORING CLASSIC COMIC STRIPS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE STAMPS ONLY FEATURE ONE PANEL OUT OF EACH STRIP, SO CURRENT READERS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THESE OLD CLASSICS WERE ABOUT! TO CORRECT THIS OVERSIGHT, MAD NOW REVEALS . . .

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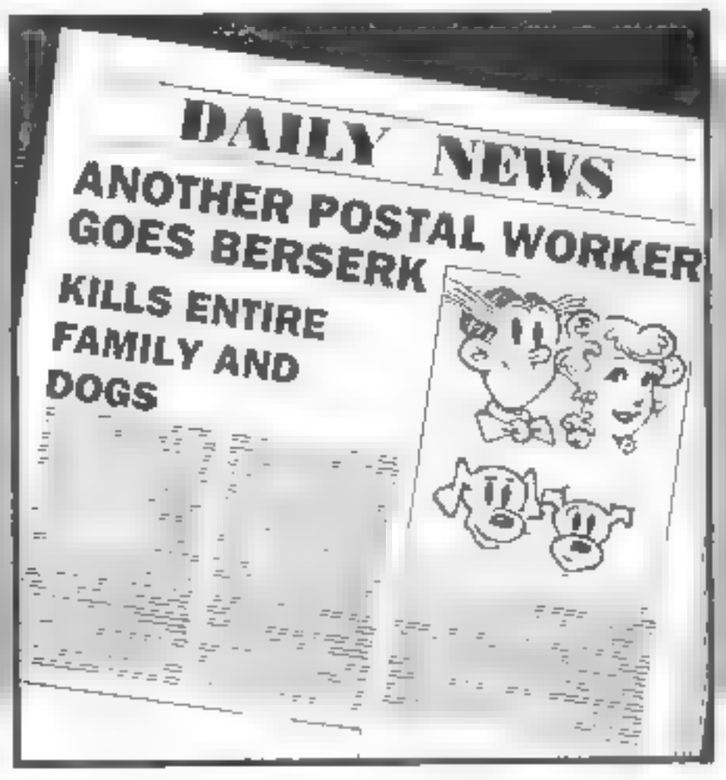

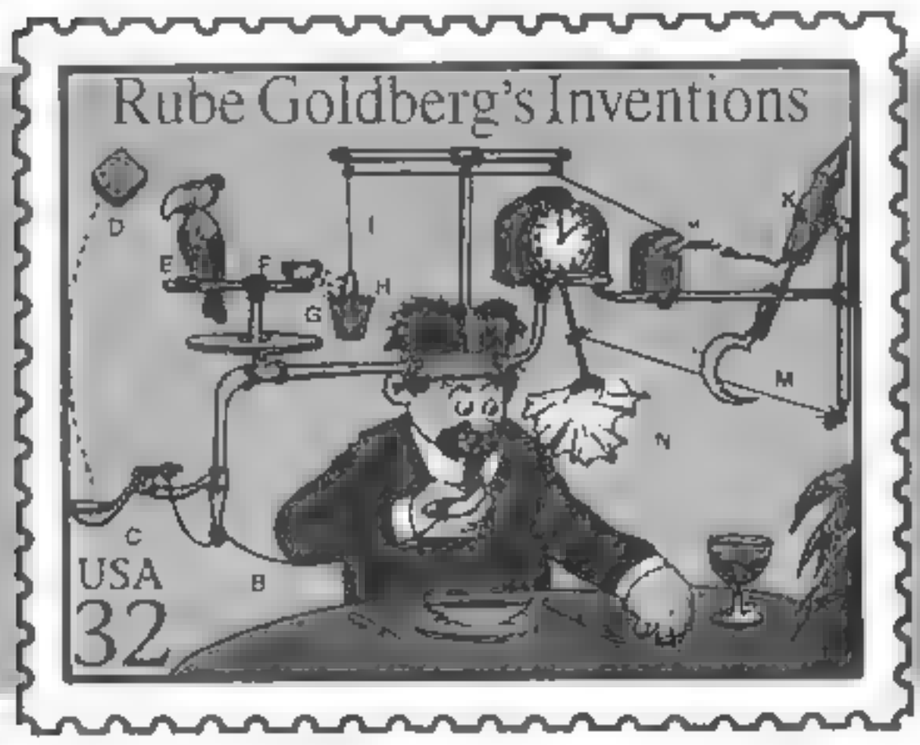

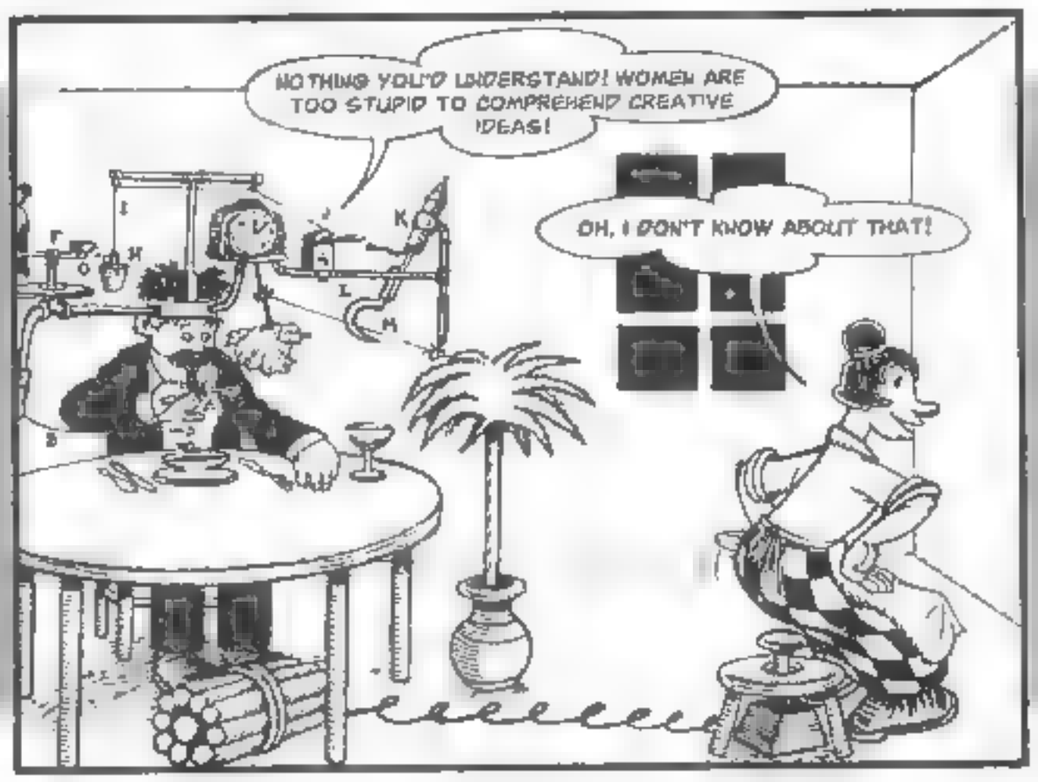

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Prince Valiant

WELL, I'M OFF TO FIGHT THE DRAGON AGAIN!
OH, I WISH YOU WOULDN'T.

..YOU OUGHT TO TRY A LITTLE HARDER TO GET ALONG WITH MY MOTHER!

THIS NEW TWO-WAY WRIST TV IS GREAT!
DICK TRACY
2-WAY WRIST TV
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LET'S SEE HOW IT WORKS!
OK, I'LL CALL HOME!

HELLO, TESS? I...I...HELP!!!
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HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, OOP!

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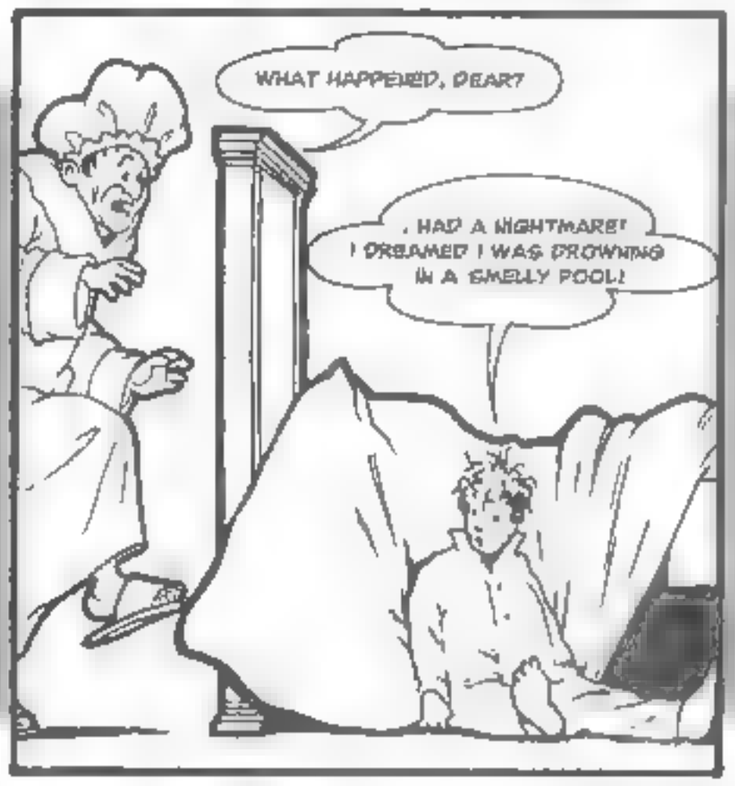
LITTLE NEMO IN SLUMBERLAND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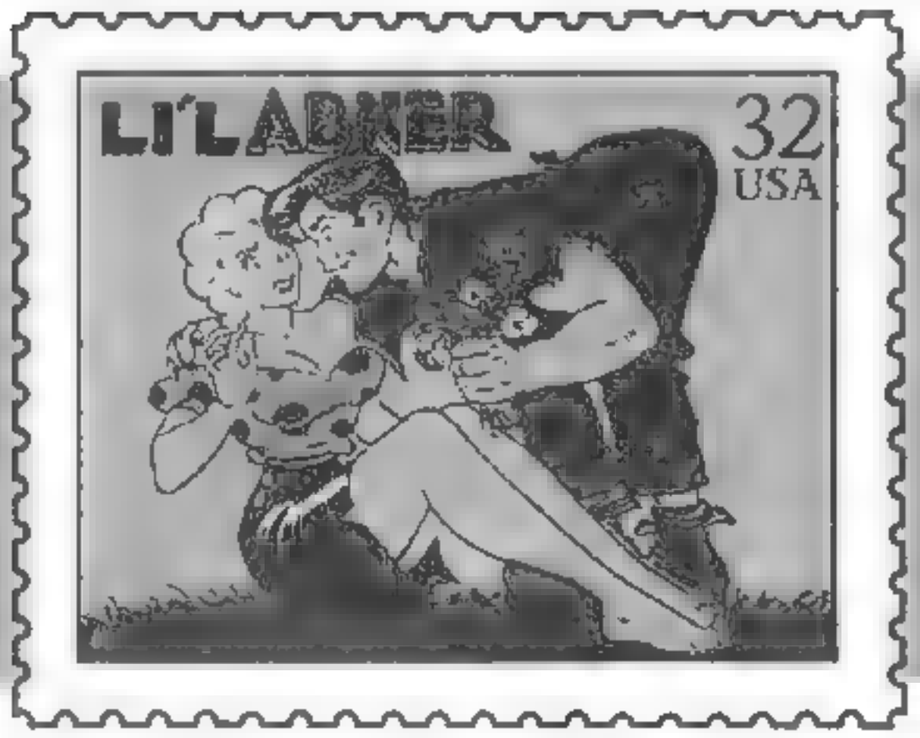
I HAD A NIGHTMARE! I DREAMED I WAS DROWNING IN A SMELLY POOL!

I GOT NEWS FOR YOU! IT WAS NO DREAM!!!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AH BRUNO! YOU SOME FLOWERS, DAISY MAE!
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ

HAH! YOU SHORE LOOK MIGHTY FUNNY ALL GWOLE UP LIKE THAT!
BZZ
BZZ

SAME TO YOU!

IS FLASH GORDON YOUR REAL NAME?
FLASH GORDON
32
USA

NO. IT'S A NICKNAME!

I SEE.
EEEK!

TERRY, I'M SURE YOU KNOW THE INTERNATIONAL LAWS ON THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR.
AND THE PIRATES
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USA

...AND THIS SIMPLY WON'T DO!

I WANTS TO SEE DE POST OFFICE COMMISSIONER!
POSTAL SERVICE COMMISSIONER

Thimble Theatre
STARRING
POPEYE
DAT'S WHAT I THINK OF YER LATEST STAMP PRICE INCREASE!
USA
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"A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away." "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." "Here's a story of a man named Brady." All of these are great opening lines, but if you didn't hear the story that follows, you'd have no idea what the hell they were about! But sometimes, all you need hear is one beginning line to get the point! Like these . . .

OPENING LINES TO UNHAPPY STORIES

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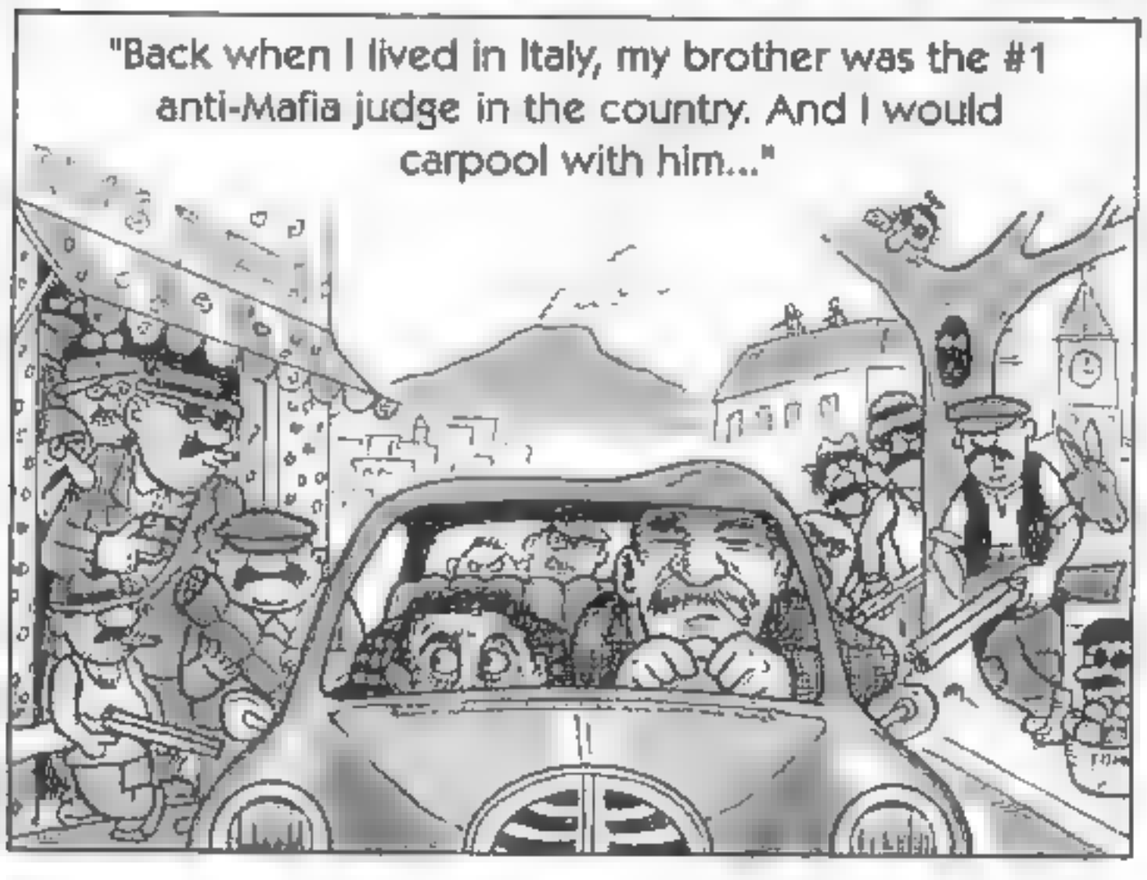


"Something happened today that will convince you, completely and irrevocably, that precision flying demonstrations should not be held over densely populated areas..."
HAVE A NICE DAY

"Thailand has much stricter penalties for drug trafficking than Venezuela, and here's how I know..."

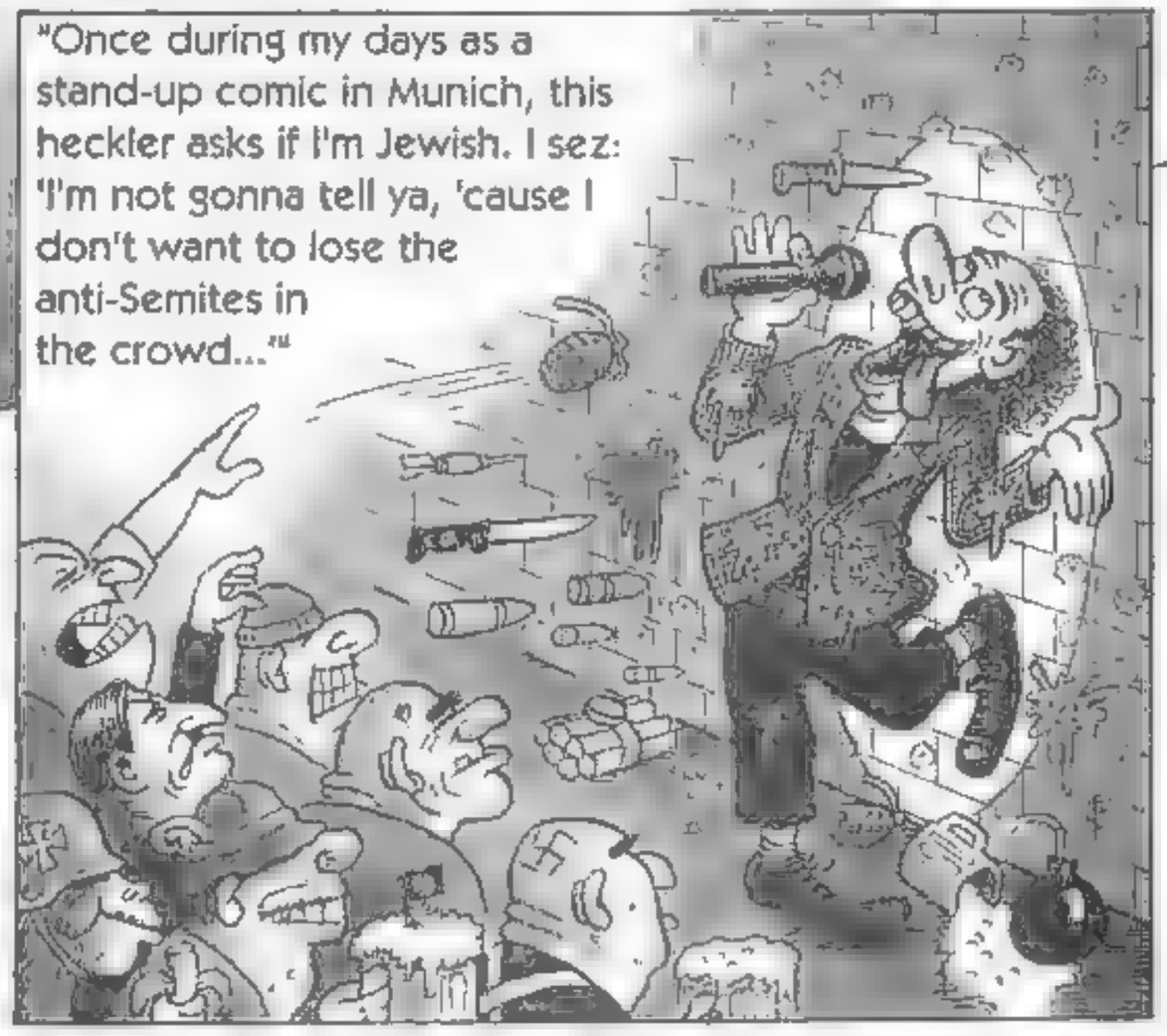
"I'd just gotten my first ATM card and thought it might take a while to figure out the machine; to avoid embarrassment, I went in the middle of the night, when downtown is completely deserted..."

"Because of the aging process, it's only natural that most people lose the ability to properly do their job at some point. And fire-eaters are no exception..."

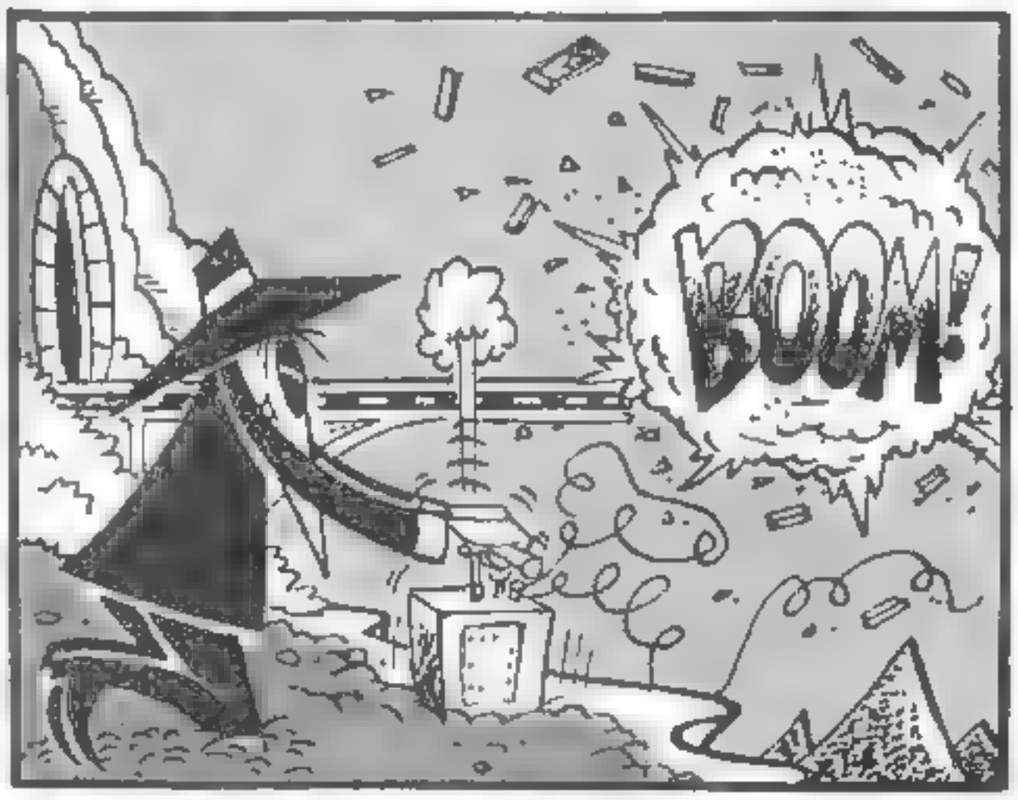
"There once was a tortoise, a hare, and about 200 yards behind, a 1993 Ford Windstar..."

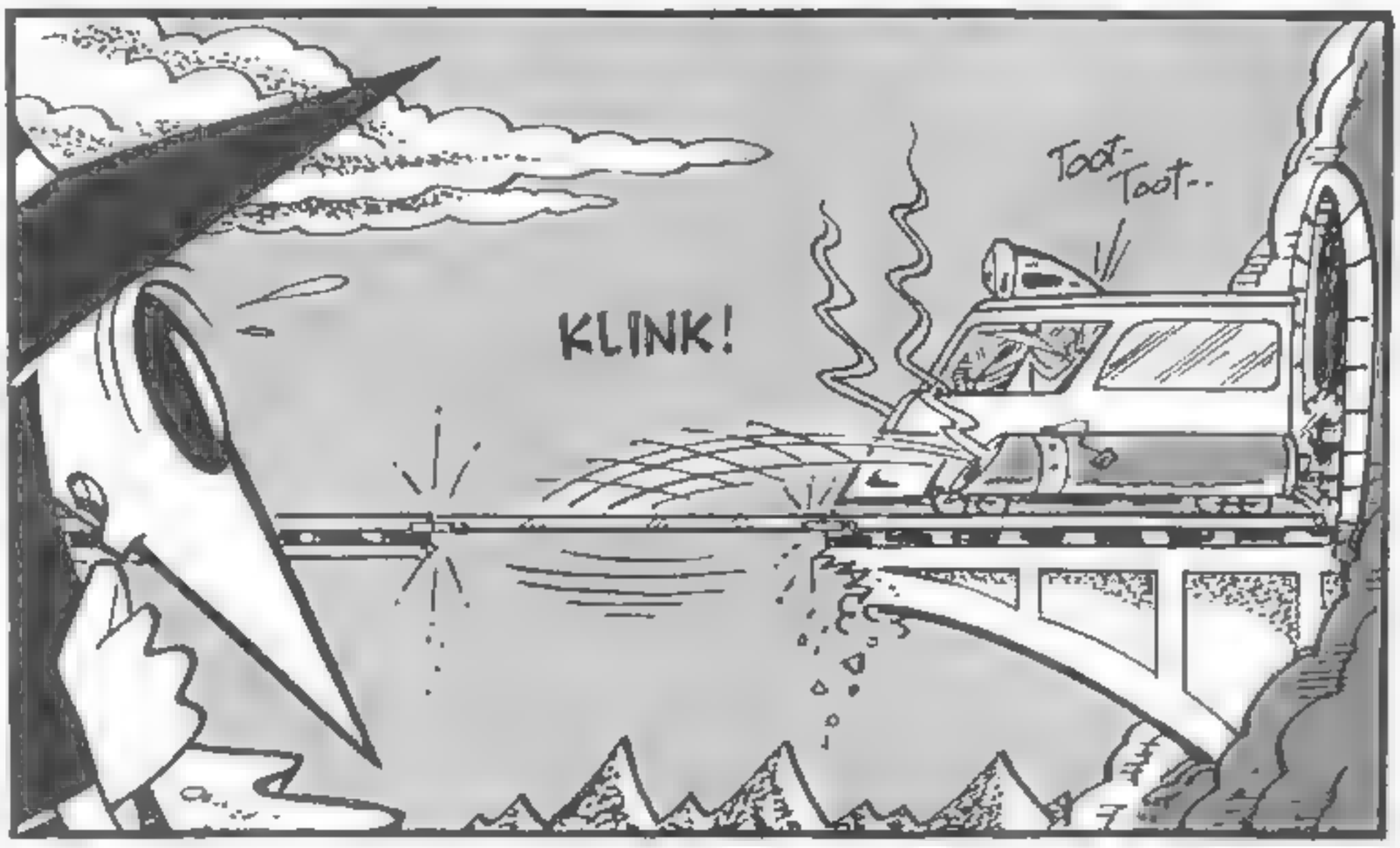
"So I was minding my own business and eating some undercooked chicken..."

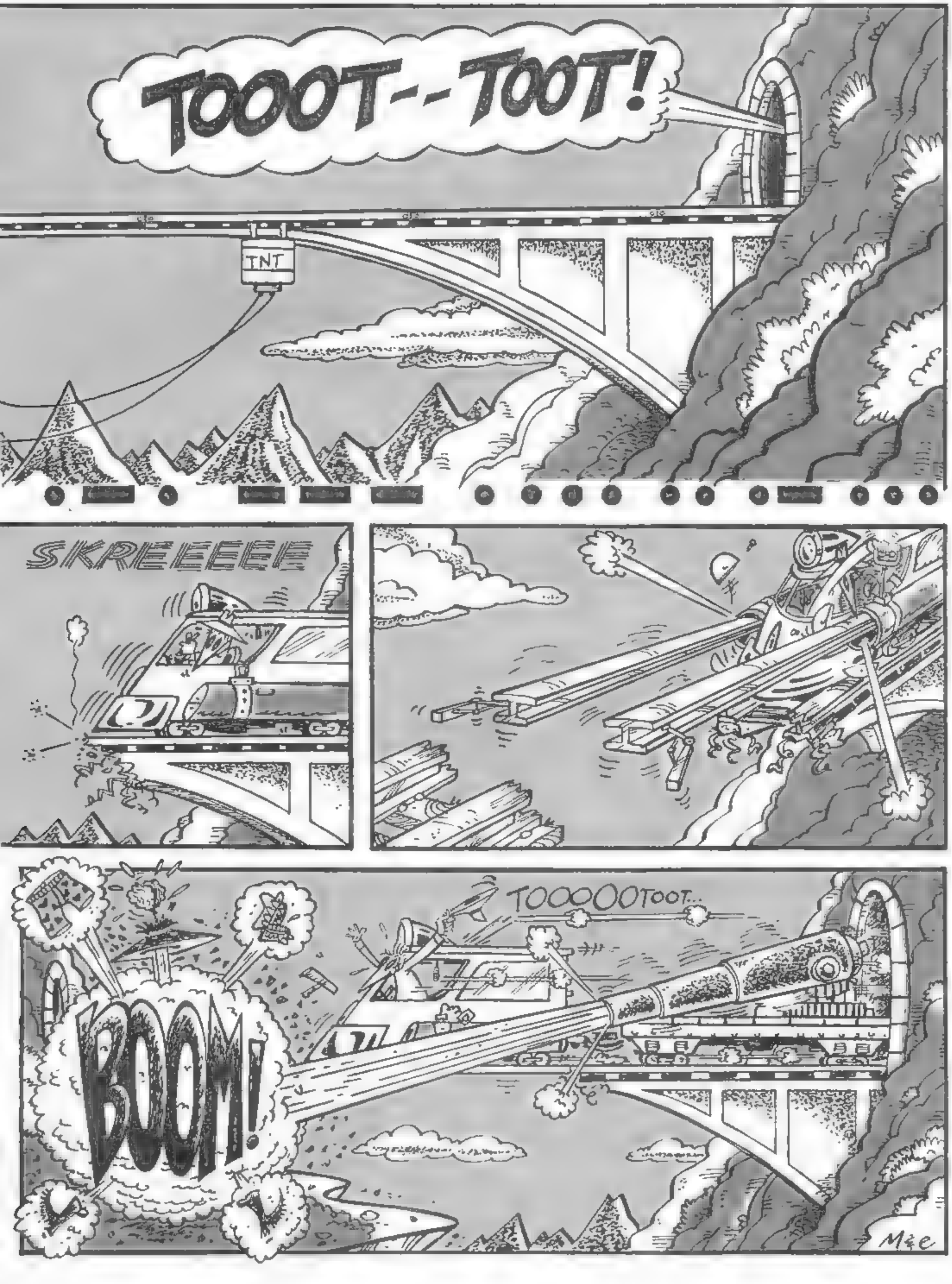
"Once during my days as a stand-up comic in Munich, this heckler asks if I'm Jewish. I sez: 'I'm not gonna tell ya, 'cause I don't want to lose the anti-Semites in the crowd...'"



JOKE AND DAGGER DEPT.







MESSAGE TO TREKKIES William Shatner's advice for you all to "Get a life!" has been superseded by "Continue wasting your lives by buying all of my *Tekwar* books!"

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHARD'S DEPT.

They're big, they're ugly, and they take up huge amounts of space!

The MALL

This is my first day on the job! How do you make an egg salad sandwich?

See that big drum marked "industrial egg salad"? Take a scoop of that, hit it with a few shots from that mayonnaise drum and smear it between two slices of bread!

Boy, you sure are smart! You know everything about cooking!

INDUSTRIAL EGG SALAD

MAYO

THANK

You can save yourself about $400,000 by installing escalators without motors!

Without motors? How will they move?

They won't! But it's O.K.! Customers at malls expect the escalators to be out of order!

TOGS FOR HOGS

SALE!

SPONGE TOWN

DIAPER WARE HOUSE

PLANS

We've been hanging out at the mall every day for two weeks now! Let's do something different!

Oh yeah? Like what?

I know! Let's actually purchase something!

What a cool idea!

B. DULTON BOOKS

KIDZ STUF

GOO GOO FLEX JNEMAS 62

AUNT BEA'S FUDGE NOOK

GERBIL CITY!

FRUIE BAUER

FLO'S BED 'N BATH

VICTORI'S SECRET

SEARS AND ROE-BARF

MEGA MALL

Look at all these great stores! Sharper Image! The Gap! Foot Locker!

These are the exact same stores we have in the mall in our town!

Yeah, but these stores are on different floors and different locations!

You're right! It WAS worth a 50-mile drive to try a new mall!

JUST TAPE

Scotch TAPE 2 FOR 1

SOCK CITY

THE FLORAL PRINT MUU-MUU FACTORY

Calvin K

KNICK KNACK NOOK

THE FUZZ SHOP

OKNO

The great thing about malls is the monstrous parking lots! You don't have to worry about a place for your car!

Yeah, but I think we should get a cab, because it's two miles from here to the entrance!

No, we're not talking about your relatives! We're talking about...

MG Of America

ARTIST: BOB STAAKE WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

I'm gonna buy that neat **Mickey Mouse Jacket** at the **Disney Studio Store!**

I'm going to **buy** that cool **Bugs Bunny T-shirt** at the **Warner Bros. Studio Store!**

I'm going to wait! I want to buy a sweatshirt that says "Go &#%$ yourself"!

At what store would you buy that?

When they **open a Fox Studio Store!**

GET YOUR GOOFY UNDIES HERE!

SING WITH POPPY

WALT IN ICE

CORDLESS STUFF

SOAP CITY

WAAAAAA

I know these **mall record stores** charge **two to three bucks more** for every CD and **cassette**, but they have **thousands** to **choose** from!

Big deal! 89% of the **people only come** in to **buy** the top 20 **hit albums!**

THE HOT CD'S

POP

DOLLY PARTON SINGS RAP

BOYZ WITH YEN

NINE INCH SNAILS

How do I get to the **top level?**

Walk to the **end** of this **hall**, take the **escalator up**, walk to the **other** end of the **second floor**, take the **escalator up**, walk back the **entire length** of the **third floor**, take the **escalator up** --

Isn't **there** a **quicker** way **than that?**

Nope! This floor plan was **scientifically** worked out by the **boys** in **marketing** so you have to pass **every single store** on the way to the **top** and **down again!**

HOOVES 'N' HIVES

ST

IN TS

Lane Bryant

YAK ON A STICK

EAGELS 'N' BRAS

Abarfcrumbie and Fitch

PENCIL CITY

SALE TODAY ON 2Bs!

INFO & GIFT WRAPPING

What is the crowd **watching?**

The **Sears DieHard Battery Chorus**, and they're as **bad** as all the **other** free entertainment you see at the **mall!**

There's **much better free** entertainment **upstairs!**

Really? What is up **there?**

Two security guys **trying** to **contain** fifty **obnoxious teenagers!**

Die Hard

Die Hard

UP

This is the **fifth** sneaker store we've **been** to in this **mall**, and they all carry the **exact** same **sneakers!**

I know! When a **mall's ad** says: "**Great Selection,**" they **mean** you have a **great selection of stores** to **buy** the **same merchandise** in!

SALE

I can't believe how cheap everything is! How long will this sale be on?

Just until we run that last remaining "mom and pop" appliance store down the street out of business! Then watch our prices climb!

$16

TOASTERS AND BLENDERS

Don't you think these food places are getting just too specialized?

OCTOPUS ON A STICK!

It's a great feeling of security to see a video camera on every light pole!

That feeling will go away when we pass the security control room and see the guards reading newspapers and goofin' around with the mall rats instead of watching the monitors!

SECURITY

HALLMARK CARDS

ALL OCCASION

Where's Barnes & Noble?

You'll have to look on the map! Next!

Wait, where's the map?

It's on a display stand next to Barnes & Noble! Next!

THE CHEESE HAVEN

ALL THINGS PUKEY

THE CRAP WAREHOUSE

GADGET KING

DOG TOGS

ZANY ZIPPERS

FAT 'N CHUNKY FASHIONS

RABID DOGS AND OTHER PETS

YUCK YUCK

INFO JUST ASK THE FRIENDLY ANSWER MAN

I don't plan on working in this food court all my life! I have higher ambitions!

What? A doctor? Lawyer? Accountant?

No, I want to work at the Foot Locker on 9! I just love those referee shirts you get to wear!

FOOD COURT #62

BIG BUT BAG

BUCKET O' GRUB

GRISTLE KING!

TODAY ON THE JERRY SPRINGER SHOW "I married my rapist ..but I'm foot ng around with my child molester on the side!"

OF MOUSE AND MEN DEPT.

CYBERNERD Magazine

(formerly COMPUTER GEEK Monthly)

April $4.95

ARTISTS: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE, ROBERT DALE AND PHIL FRANKE WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

—Our reviewer takes another look at REAL LIFE and finds it just as over-rated as ever!

—101 POINTLESS PROGRAMMING TASKS for you to OBSESS over for months on end!

—DOWNLOAD your own Customized Daily Internet Newspaper in only 5 1/2 hours per day!

—CYBERNERD FASHION FORECAST: Which faded Heavy Metal T-shirts with jelly stains will be IN this year!

—"The Day I found some information on the Internet that I actually could USE!"—This month's fiction

—The 920XX-A40 VII or the 74X33 LX-2001-B? The debate continues!

WHAT TO SAY when the COPS arrive

(because no one in the outside world has heard from you in 14 Months)!

TAKE THE VACATION OF YOUR DREAMS

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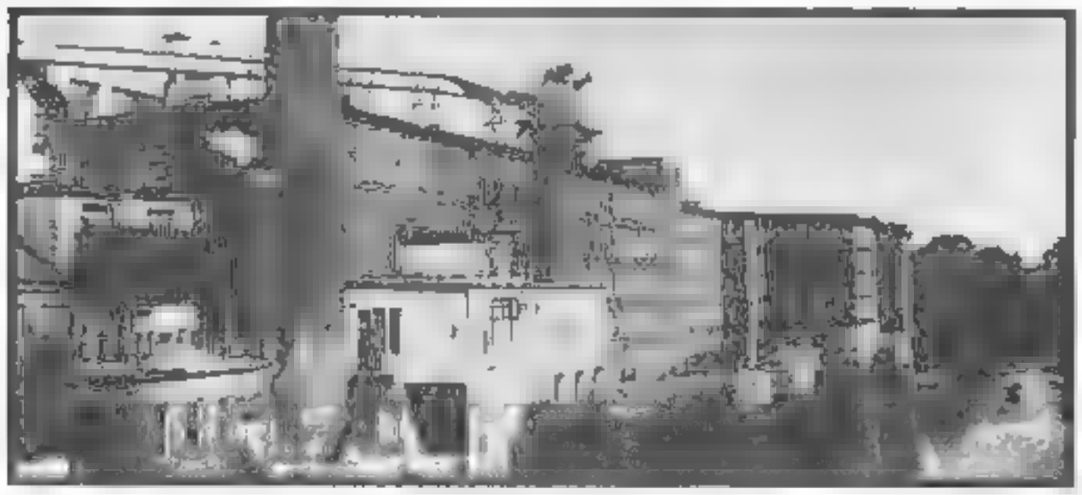
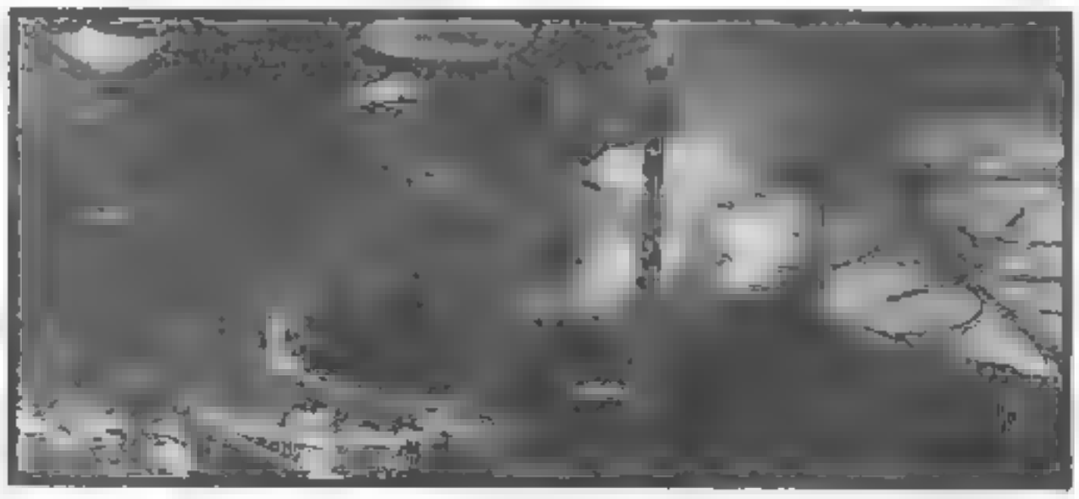
(World HQ of MICROSOFT)



Destination 2: CHANDLER, Arizona
(Home of INTEL Chip-Fabrication Plant #12)



WAKE UP Every morning to the SWEET SMELL of Trichloroethylene...hot soldering irons...brand-new floppy disks!! 8, 24 and 67-day packages now available!

Destination 3: NORTH SIOUX CITY, South Dakota
(GATEWAY 2000 Computer Factory)

GEEK-a-ZOID Travel Agency BOX 95, Windows, NJ 07045 1-800-LOTUS

this month's

THINGS TO DO ON A SUNNY DAY

1...keep compressing, then de-compressing every single file on your hard disk!

2...convert all the numerical data in your computer into base six...using Roman numerals!

3...back up all your backup disks onto backup-backup disks, then back up those disks to backup backup-backup disks – just to be SAFE!

7 1/2 MONTHS AGO
A NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK AT THE OLD DAYS

Hard to believe,

but CyberNerds way back in August were forced to make do with a 950 MEGABYTE Hard Drive!!!

(The 1- and 1.2-GIGABYTE models were still WEEKS away from being introduced!)

ASK CYBERNED,

THE CYBERNERD

ROBERT DALE

Dear CyberNed,

I'm currently in a Federal Prison because the Government claims I hacked my way into a bank computer and "stole" 20,000 Credit Card numbers. But it's not true: I merely copied them – all the original numbers are still there! (And, I never used them to buy anything unless it was stuff that I really, really wanted!) What do you think of this heavy-handed intrusion into the private lives of poor, innocent computer users?

Kevin Nickmit@www.solitary.Fed.pen

Dear Kevin,

It sounds like exactly the same kind of Big Brother overreaction that I myself experienced a few years ago, for merely stumbling into the NORAD Missile Control computer and casually browsing through their ICBM Launch Codes! (And they call this a "Democracy"! Sheeesh!)

Dear CyberNed,

Recently, my local Supermarket's Home Delivery FAX Line broke down, so – for the first time in years – I had to actually leave my house. Can I sue them for the 47 1/2 minutes of Internet time I lost while out grocery shopping?

t.doff@compulsive.net.nut

Dear t.,

Sure! But, because our legal system is so woefully behind the times technology-wise, it would almost certainly involve your having to leave your house again! My advice to you: forget about lawsuits; just erase their computer's "SYSTEM.EXE" files instead!

Dear CyberNed,

How can I get other CyberNerds to stop teasing me because I have such a short...you-know-what?

ed@aol.com

Dear ed,

It's NOT how LONG a guy's online address is – it's how he uses it! (But, you've got to admit, "ed@aol.com" – that's a mighty puny little fellow you got there! Hee-hee-hee!)

BECAUSE YOU CAN!

Readers' accounts of their totally-useless "hacker stunts" & "cyber-feats" with no purpose whatsoever other than...

BECAUSE YOU CAN!

"I downloaded ALL 2,198,407 pages of regulations published by EPA & OSHA since 1971 – BECAUSE YOU CAN!"

G. A. Lyfe, Boulder, CO

"I ordered medium pepperonis with extra cheese from 857 different PIZZA HUTS simultaneously –BECAUSE YOU CAN!"

"Zita" Maroney, Tampa, FL

"I translated Volumes 11 through 19 of the IRS TAX CODE into Klingon – BECAUSE YOU CAN!"

J. T. Tribbles, Roddenberry, IA

CYBERNERD POLL

ROBERT DALE

THIS MONTH's Question:

"Do People who use Computers to play Video Games have too much FUN to be considered 'one of us?'"

59%..."Yes!"

3%..."No!"

16%..."You're not a Poll Taker!"

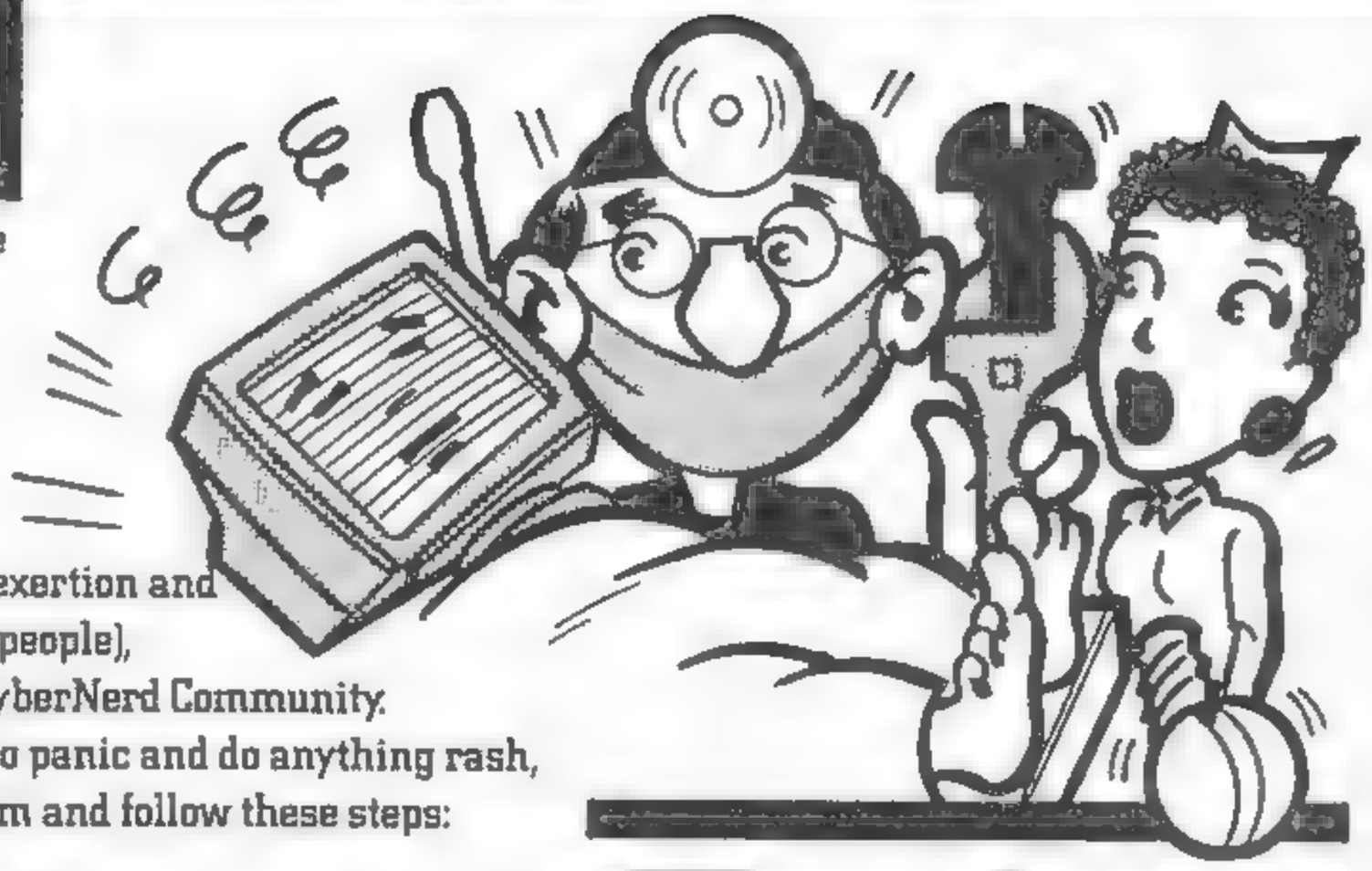
13%..."What do you REALLY want?!!"

9%..."Who sent you?!!!!"

NOTHIN' but NET!

Our ongoing series explaining how to live ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of your life on the INTERNET! PART XVII:

Sudden Illness



Despite our best efforts to avoid physical exertion and Infectious-Bacteria Carriers (a.k.a. other people), disease sometimes strikes even us, the CyberNerd Community. When it does, it's important for you NOT to panic and do anything rash, like logging off the Internet! Just stay calm and follow these steps:

– At first onset of debilitating pain, get a quick (and free) medical diagnosis by connecting with: "http://www.ex-Doctor.no.license@parole.4.now".
– If the problem can be cleared up with prescription drugs, go to: "gopher://un.scrup.Pharmacist@we.deliver.24.hrs". (Ask for "Vinny.")
– If symptoms get worse, contact your local 911 operator, but NOT by dialing them on the PHONE, for heaven's sake! That would mean breaking off your modem connection! Instead, punch up the Web Page of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta ("http://www.cdc.achoo") and have THEM call up your local EMS Dispatcher!
– Finally, if your condition deteriorates dramatically, we offer ONLY as a last resort:"http://stiffs.r.us@mortuary.we.pick.up"

CYBERNERD WORKOUT

Stay in shape! This month: An intense right arm bicep/tricep/flexor regimen

Repeat monthly

Why spend Saturday nights alone by yourself when you can spend them alone with...

VIRTUAL DATE.

...She NEVER says "No"...She NEVER says "Must you keep babbling that technospeak?"
...She NEVER says "EYEWWWW! Get away from me, you GEEK!!!"
SELECT the CyberBabe of your dreams!

Lt. UHURA
(of Star Trek)

Counselor TROI
(of ST: The Next Generation)

Major NERYS
(of ST: Deep Space 9)

Capt. JANEWAY
(of ST: Voyager)

PROGRAM the "Sweet Nothings" she'll whisper in your ear, such as: — "Nothing TURNS ME ON like a guy who can run a UNIX-based Web-server on a PowerMac!!!" — "Let's go back to your place and re-configure an EPROM... before I get out of the mood!!" — "What a coincidence! I think SHOWERING and BRUSHING YOUR TEETH are a waste of time, too!"

VIRTUAL DATE: The ONLY date you'll ever want

(Especially since it's the ONLY date you'll ever GET) !!!

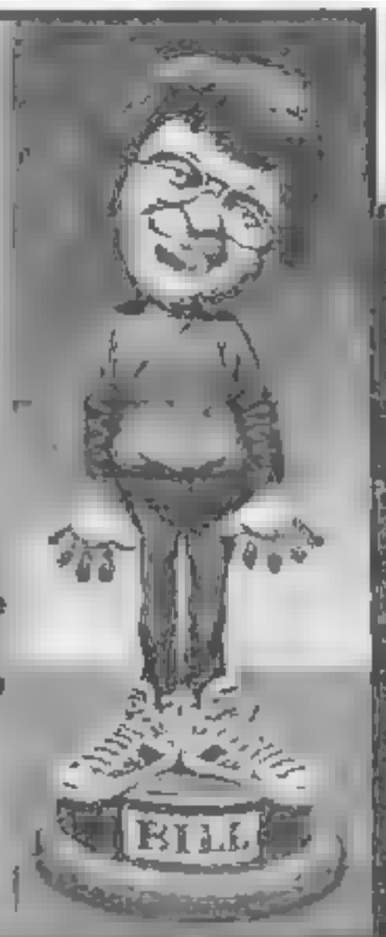
CD ROM $79.99 Now Available at

Computer Condo *Floppy Frank's* *ROM-an Empire Stores*

NEW PRODUCTS for CYBERNERDS

BILL GATES
Dashboard Statuette

When you just can't avoid going out into the cold, cruel analog world any longer, let Bill Gates – the Patron Saint of the CYBERNERD – keep a protective eye on you! (Circle reader service card #342)



JOLT Cola
I.V. Drip Bag

This new product offers the best of TWO worlds: that special "neuron buzz" we all enjoy from a can of JOLT (the Official Hyper Caffeinated Cola of Cybernauts everywhere)...WITHOUT the distraction of an old-fashioned, Low-Tech Input Method like SWALLOWING! (Circle reader service card #795)

Rumbaflex 400D Impander
Data Pre-Mod III

To tell you the truth, we have no idea what it is, either! But...it's BRAND NEW and STATE-OF-THE-ART, therefore it's IMPERATIVE that you get yourself one pronto, before the "average computer guy" does, and starts bragging about it! (Circle reader service card #000)

OSCAR MIRED HAMS DEPT.

Hollywood gives us thrills! Terror! Brutal carnage! And that's just in the audience fo

MAD'S ACADEMY AWA

ROW 9 SEAT 7
Still thinks it's hysterical to repeat the "Royale with Cheese" metric system scene from *Pulp Fiction* over and over again.

ROW 8 SEAT 6
The producer who didn't want to waste $200,000 getting Jim Carrey pre-signed for *Ace Ventura 2.*

ROW 9 SEAT 5
Richard Gere, admiring the slender, cylindrical shape and smooth, smooth contours of the Oscar statuette.

ROW 7 SEAT 6
Ron "Horshack" Palillo, wondering "Why Travolta and not ME?!?"

ROW 7 SEAT 5
Gen. Colin Powell After mulling it over for months, decided he "didn't have the fire" to go see *The American President.*

ROW 7 SEAT 4
Here to see that *Casino* wins "all da little statues, or else!"

ROW 7 SEAT 7
Billy Crystal: Eligible for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for not hosting the ceremony.

ROW 5 SEAT 8
The all-time Hollywood legend who may not make it through the next half-hour until his Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROW 5 SEAT 7
After ignoring the sick, aged and needy for the past 364 days, he's dusted off the ol' red ribbon to show the world he truly cares.

ROW 6 SEAT 5
Just waiting for any pause, ready to scream "How-ARD!!!" or "BABA BOOEY!"

the Oscars! Please remember that even if you don't laugh, it's an honor just to read...

RDS SEATING CHART

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN
WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

ROW 10 SEAT 5
Still hoping for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for *Jumanji*, even though historically, the Academy has been very unkind to armor plated herbivores.

ROW 8 SEAT 4
Michael Eisner: Not at all certain that the *Pocahontas* musical number should be performed by Courtney Love.

ROW 9 SEAT 4 and 3
John Goodman and Rosie O'Donnell: Can't get the thought of the post awards free buffet out of their minds.

ROW 10 SEAT 2
Kevin Costner's acting coach.

ROW 8 SEAT 2
Mia Farrow, and the children she has adopted this week.

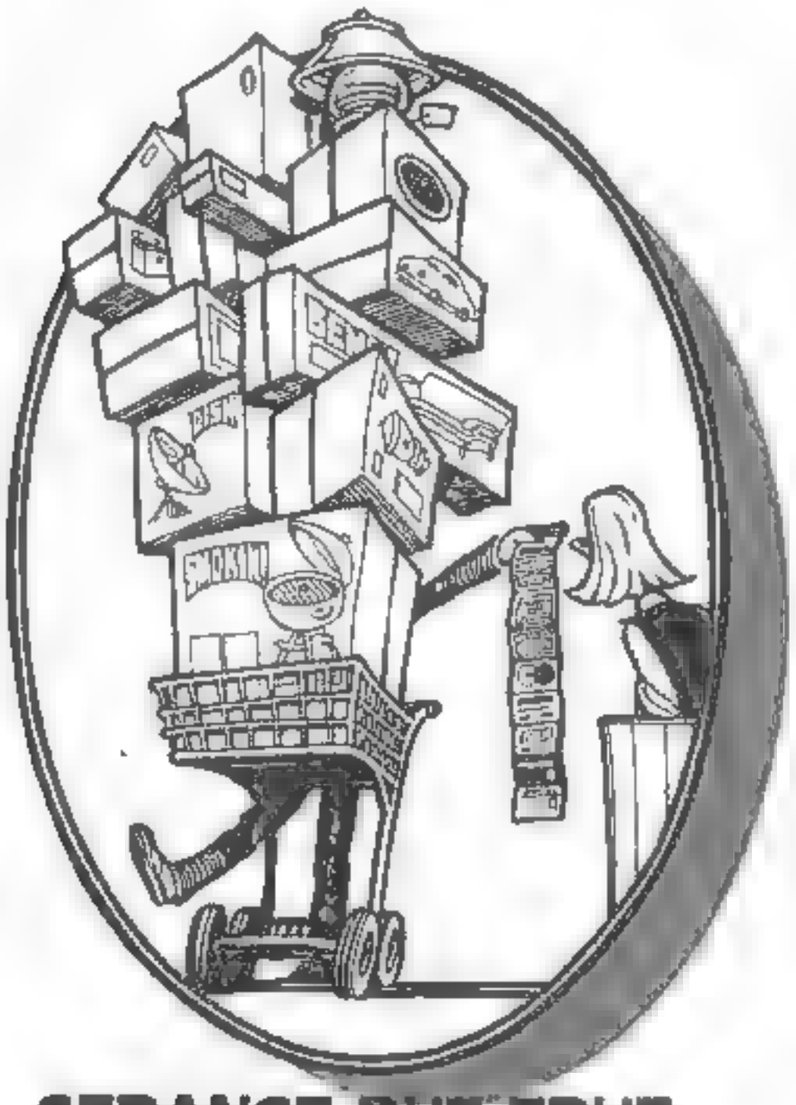
ROW 7 SEAT 3
Sen. Robert Dole. Denounces the irresponsible media whores who poison America's psyche with exploitative films like *Nixon*, however, he totally supported everything the actual living President Nixon ever did.

ROW 5 SEAT 5
Barbra Streisand, having trouble convincing Oliver Stone that the reason she's never won a Best Director Oscar is due to some sort of conspiracy.

ROW 5 SEAT 6
Actually sat through all five "Best Documentary" nominees.

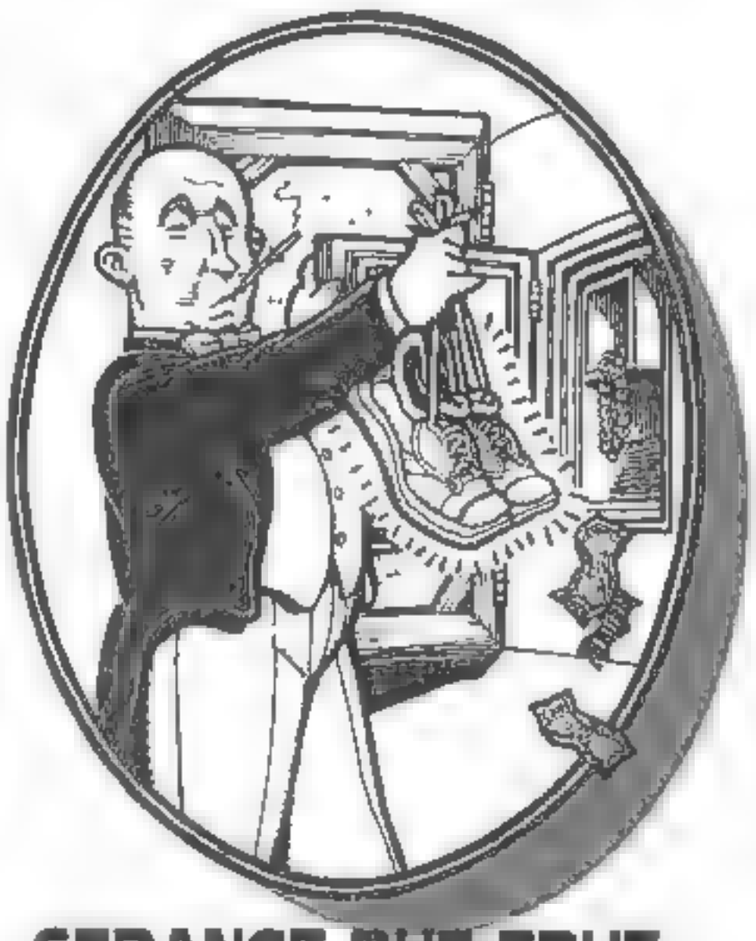
ROW 7 SEAT 4
Melanie Griffith's breasts Hoping to win for "Best Special Effects."

We at MAD can fondly remember a time when life was sweet! A time when the world seemed a brighter place, where one man helped another and a shared sense of values imbued one and all! It wasn't so very long ago, this beautiful time, when everything was in full flower, and the future was limited only by the horizons in our own hearts! Of course, then we hired Al Jaffee! But that's not the only way our world has been turned topsy-turvy, as we give you a selection of things that are absolutely, positively 100%...



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

When people saw something that they'd really enjoy buying, but didn't have enough money to afford it, they accepted the fact that they couldn't have it.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Sneakers were once a cheap alternative to shoes.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Phil Donahue used to shock viewers by inviting atheists and hippies on his show.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

There once was such a thing as a "bad haircut".

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

When a hard-fought regular baseball season came to an end, all but two teams in the league would pack up and go home.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

There was once an interval of at least 15 minutes between a public tragedy and the first sick joke about it.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

ARTIST: RICK GEARY WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

People used to look forward to an Eddie Murphy movie.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Convicted felons used to try to downplay their shame by keeping a low profile.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

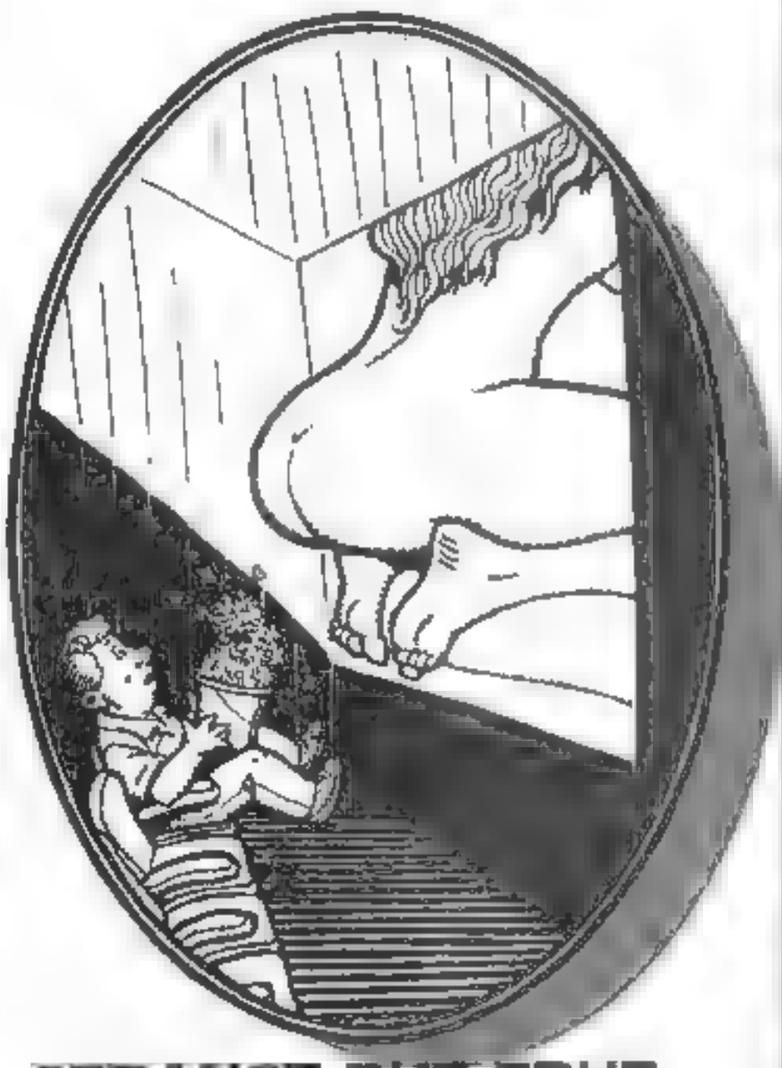
Criminal charges used to derail a musician's career.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Professional baseball teams would routinely play two games in one day, but the fans only had to pay once.

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Woody Allen was once noted for making movies.

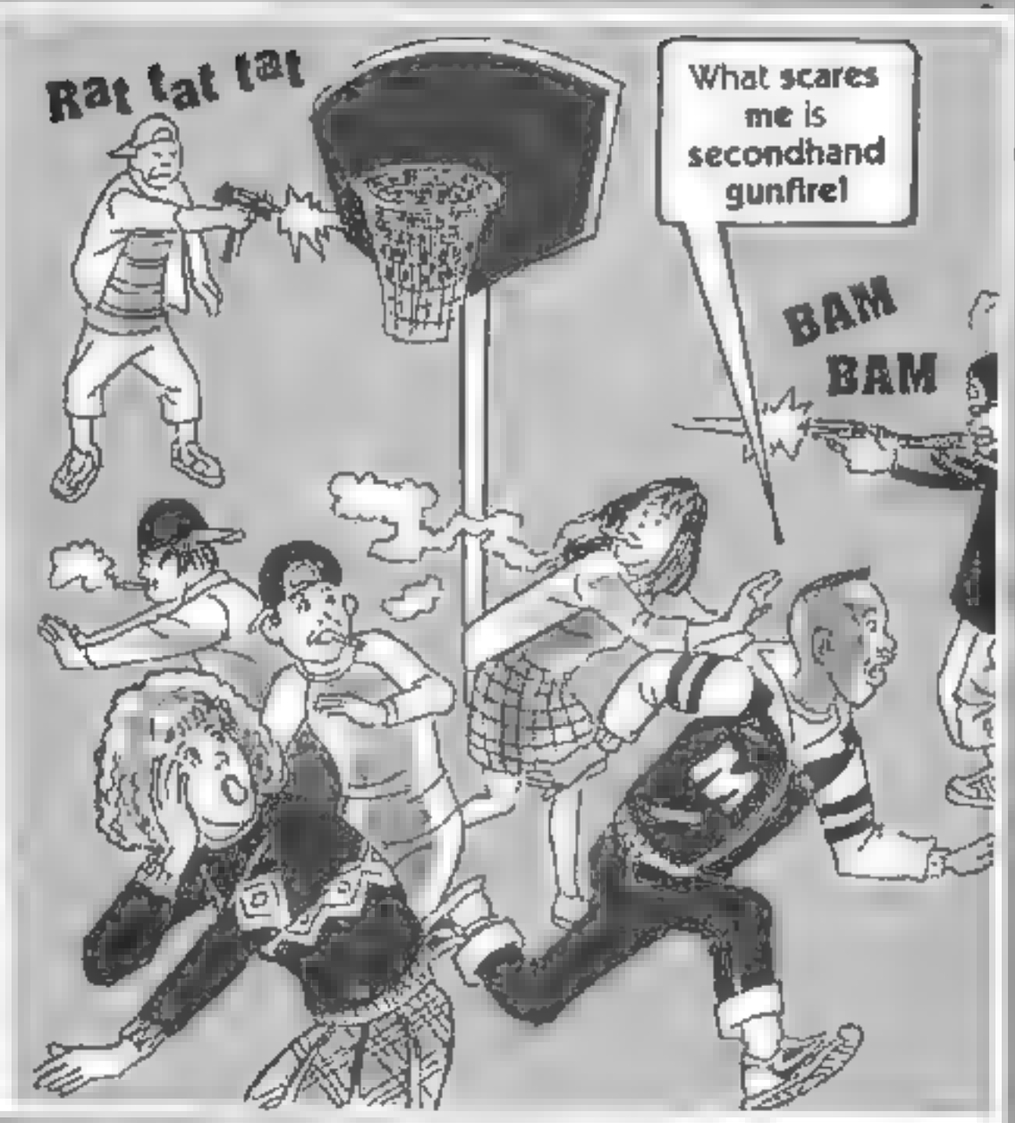


STRANGE BUT TRUE...

People used to go to the movies and fantasize about what the top stars looked like naked.

SAFETY

The schoolyard isn't healthy anymore with all those cigarettes! You can die from secondhand smoke!
I'm not concerned with that!



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

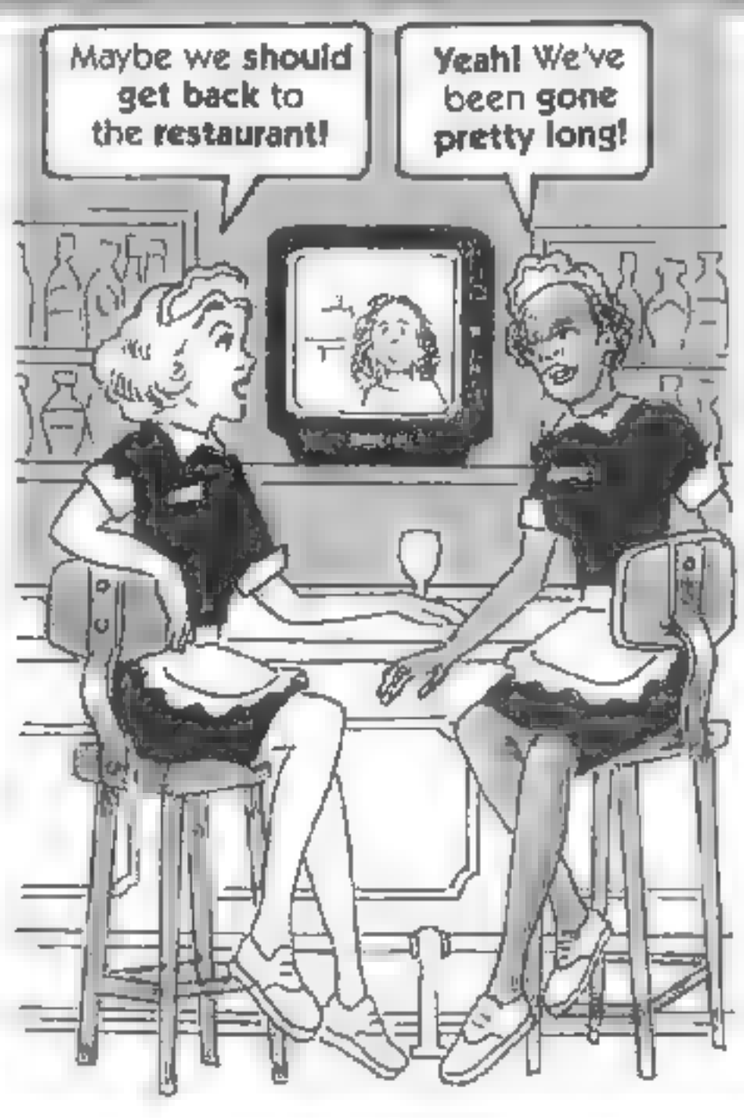
THE LIGHTE

EXPERTISE

MEDICAL UPDATE. The majority of flesh-eating bacteria prefer "fat, middle-aged white guys just lightly tanned for flavor"!

SERVICE

That Kramer is so funny! I haven't missed one episode of Seinfeld this season!
Me neither! I love George! That Alexander guy is such a good actor! And Dreyfus! She's wonderful!



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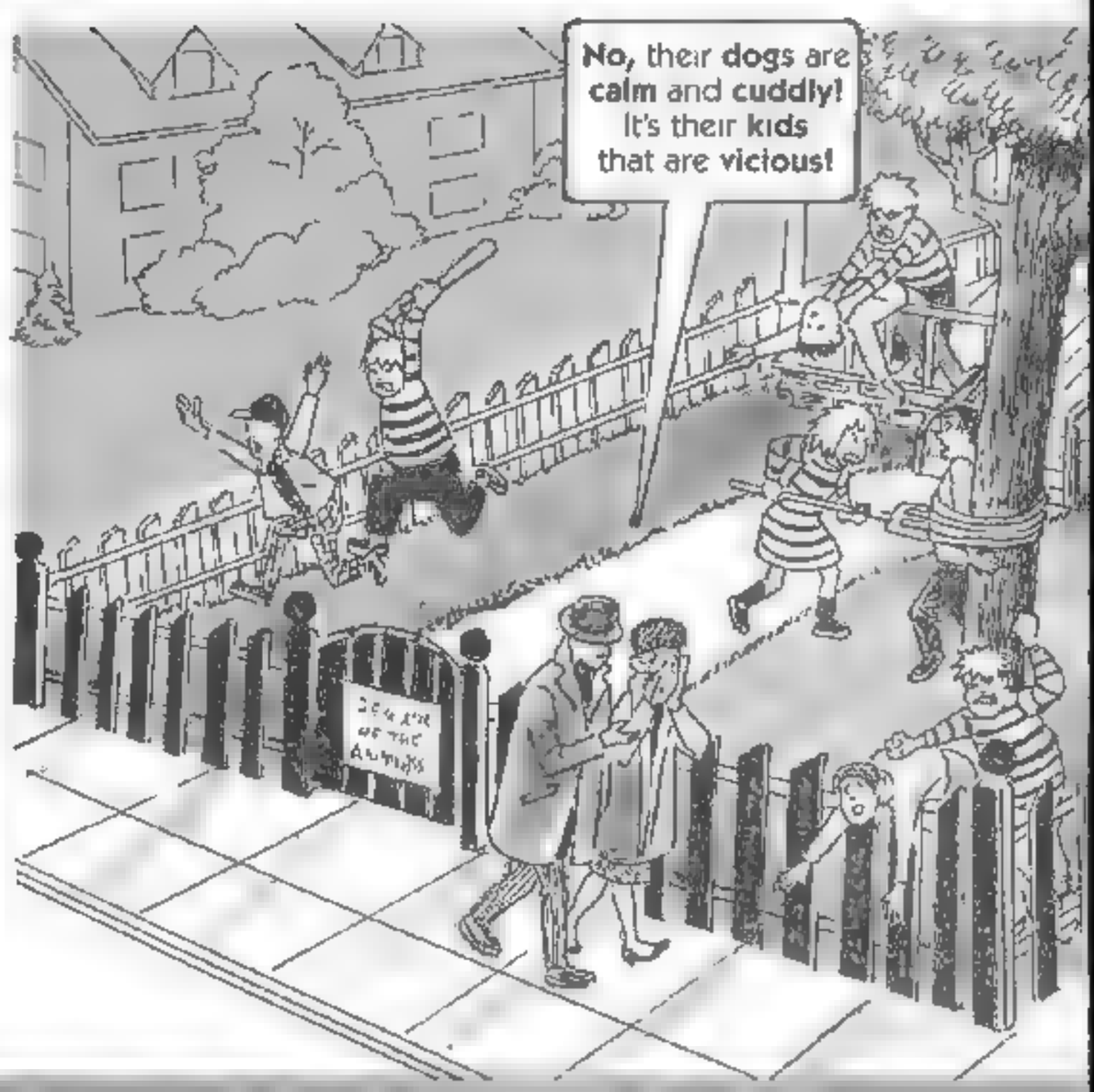
ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

PREVENTION



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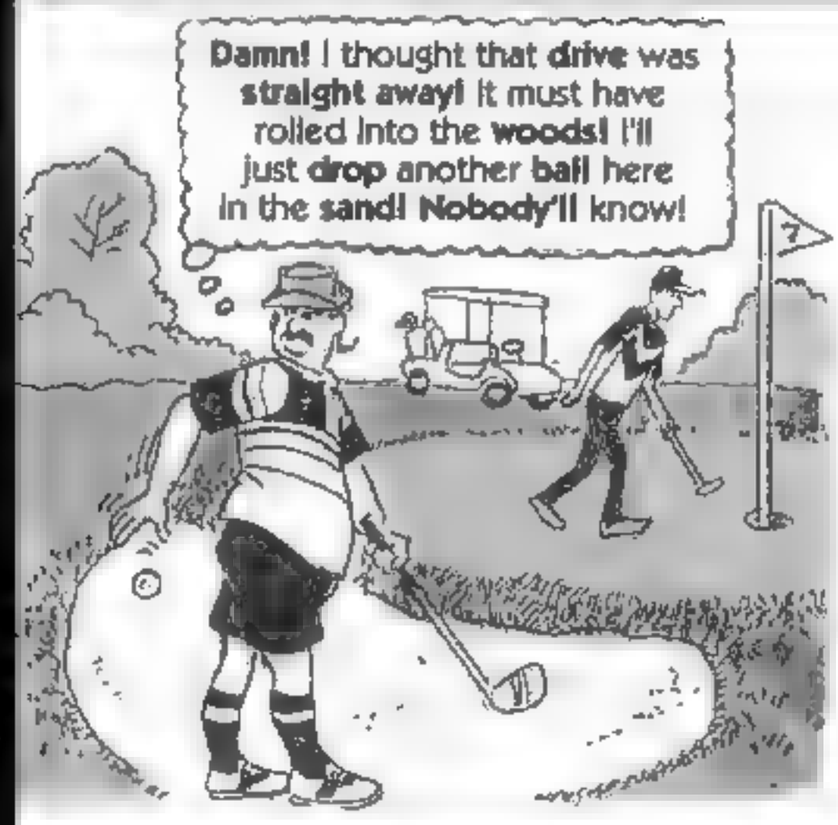
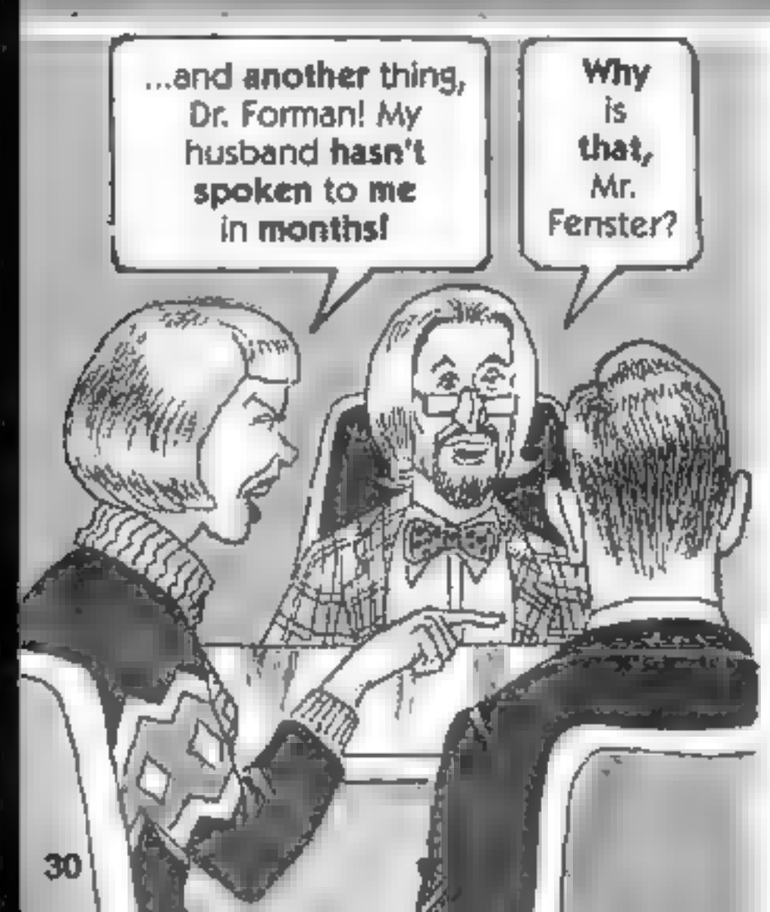

Damn! I thought that drive was straight away! It must have rolled into the woods! I'll just drop another ball here in the sand! Nobody'll know!

LATEST TALK SHOW AUDIENCE RATINGS: Sally Jessy, 128db...Rolanda, 126db ..Jerry Springer, 120db, Ricki Lake, 119db

JUSTICE

THERAPY



ECONOMICS

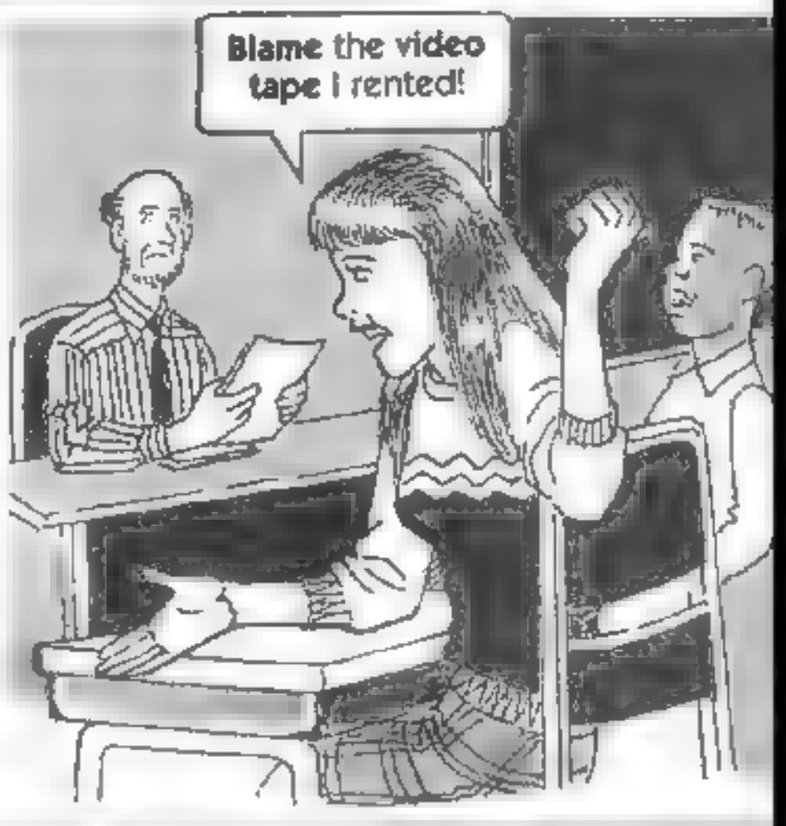
Look at these figures! Do you realize it costs the taxpayers $50,000 a year to keep a criminal in jail?
That's ridiculous! It costs that much to send a kid through college!

RELATIVITY

To complete your application for admission to this college, we need to know if your grades placed you within the top half of your class!
Let's put it this way...
I'm in the half that makes the top half possible!

HOMEWORK

I'm especially impressed with the way you changed the plot so that the book now has a happy ending!
You can't blame me for that, Mr. Charney...



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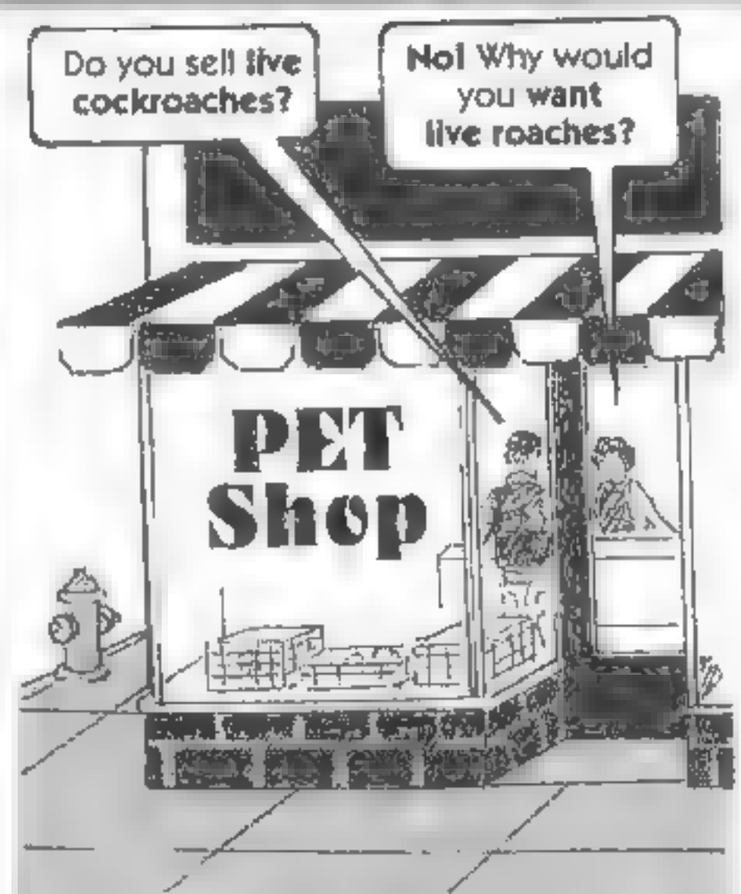

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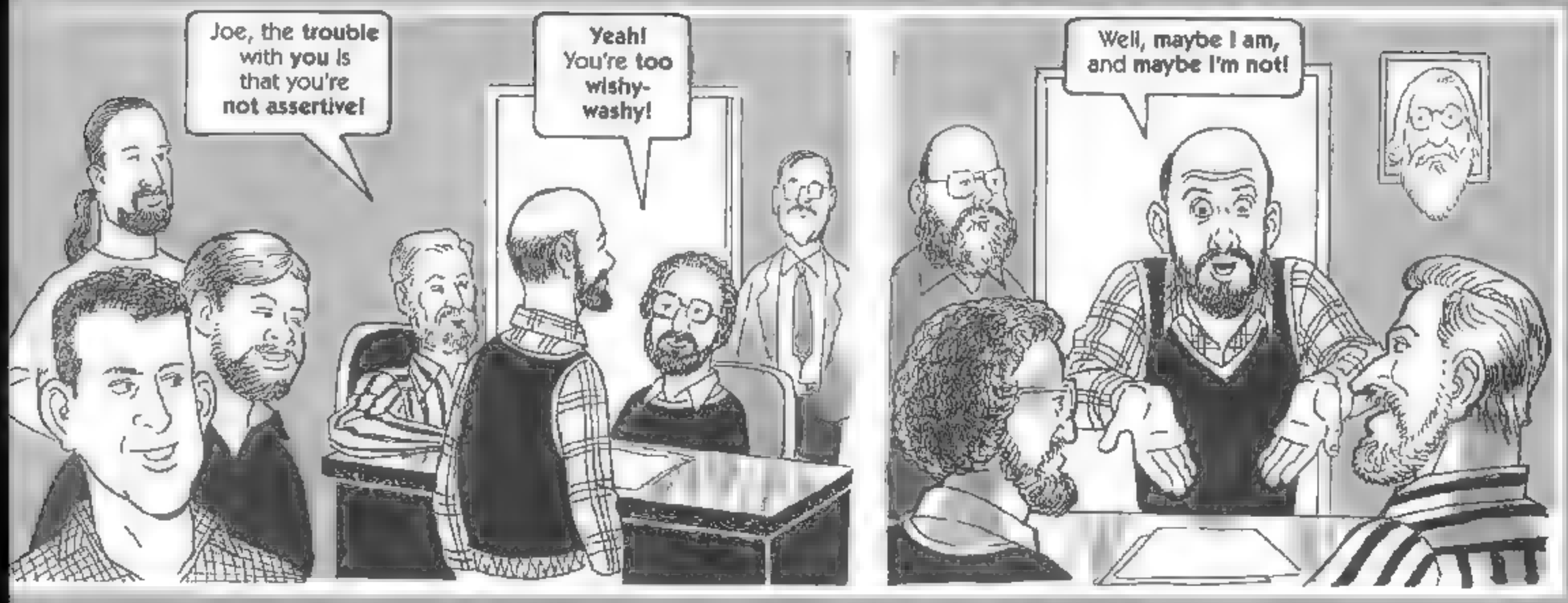


FEELINGS

DOCTORS

Kaputnik, at your last visit I told you to slow down and work less! Did you do it?
Yes, I did, Doctor! But only for a few days!
Then your bill came and I had to go out and get a second job!
David Berg

TODAY ON THE RICKI LAKE SHOW: Clubby former cult movie actresses and the gullible lovers who keep their career alive!

OSCAR MIRED BALONEY DEPT.

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

WRITER: DAVE BERMAN

Billy Crystal
couldn't do it.
Whoopi Goldberg
couldn't do it.
And
David Letterman
certainly couldn't do it!

Yep, when it comes to keeping one billion viewers awake during the Academy Awards ceremony you just can't depend on celebrities. You need a real genius. Unfortunately, we couldn't find any geniuses, real or otherwise, around here! But since that's never stopped us before, here's...

MAD'S
COLOSSAL, STUPENDOUS, ABSOLUTELY FANTABULOUS PLAN TO LIVEN UP
THE ACADEMY AWARDS

Take away an Oscar from the celebrity who's been the biggest embarrassment on the show.

Reveal award presenters' vital statistics, including their real age, arrest record, cosmetic enhancements and sexual peccadilloes.

CHARLIE SHEEN

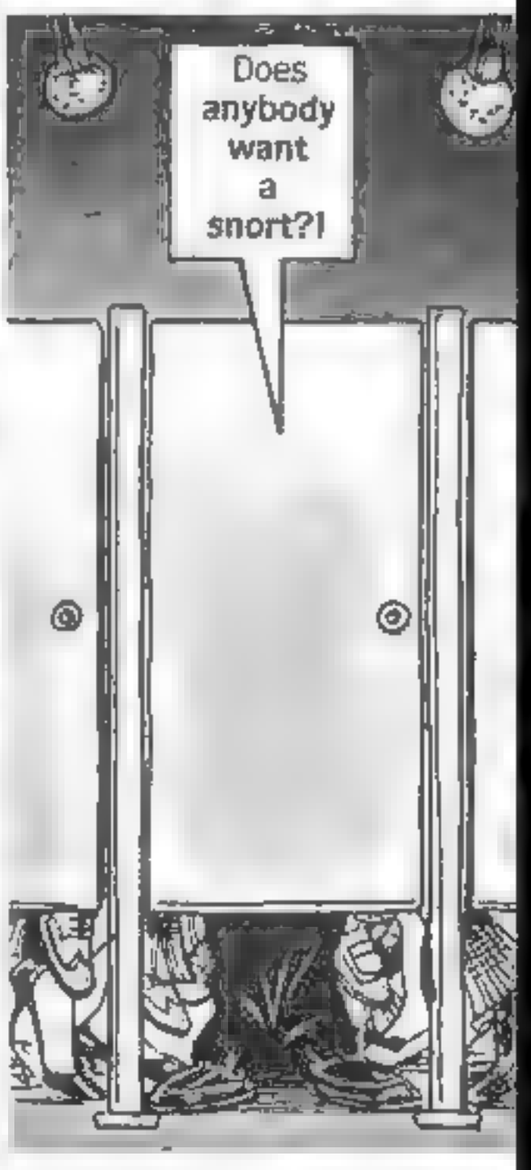
Age: 56

14 DWI Arrests, 2 Facelifts, 13 Fanny Tucks, 6 Hair Transplants. He enjoys dressing in a Girl Scout uniform while whipped with a sock filled with chicken fat.

Construct a spring-action trap door with a two minute timer to launch blabber-mouth winners into orbit.

Place hidden microphones in the audience, in the bathroom and backstage so we can get the celebrities' true feelings about the proceedings.

You think she looks excited now, wait'll she finds out her husband knocked up another babysitter!
Is she drooling or are her breast implants leaking?!



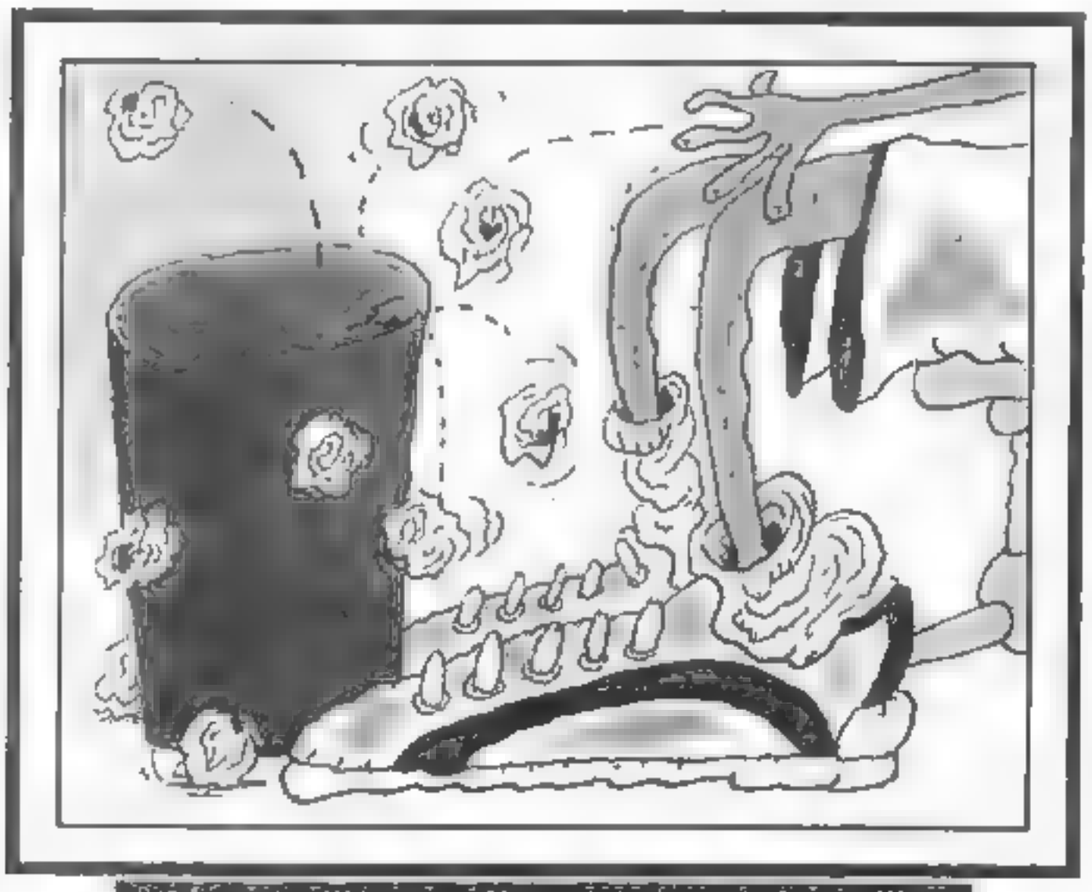
Create dramatic tension by matching up presenters who hate each other so much they're liable to commit second-degree murder.

Give a running update on how many of the billions of viewers who tuned in at the beginning are tuning out as the show progresses.

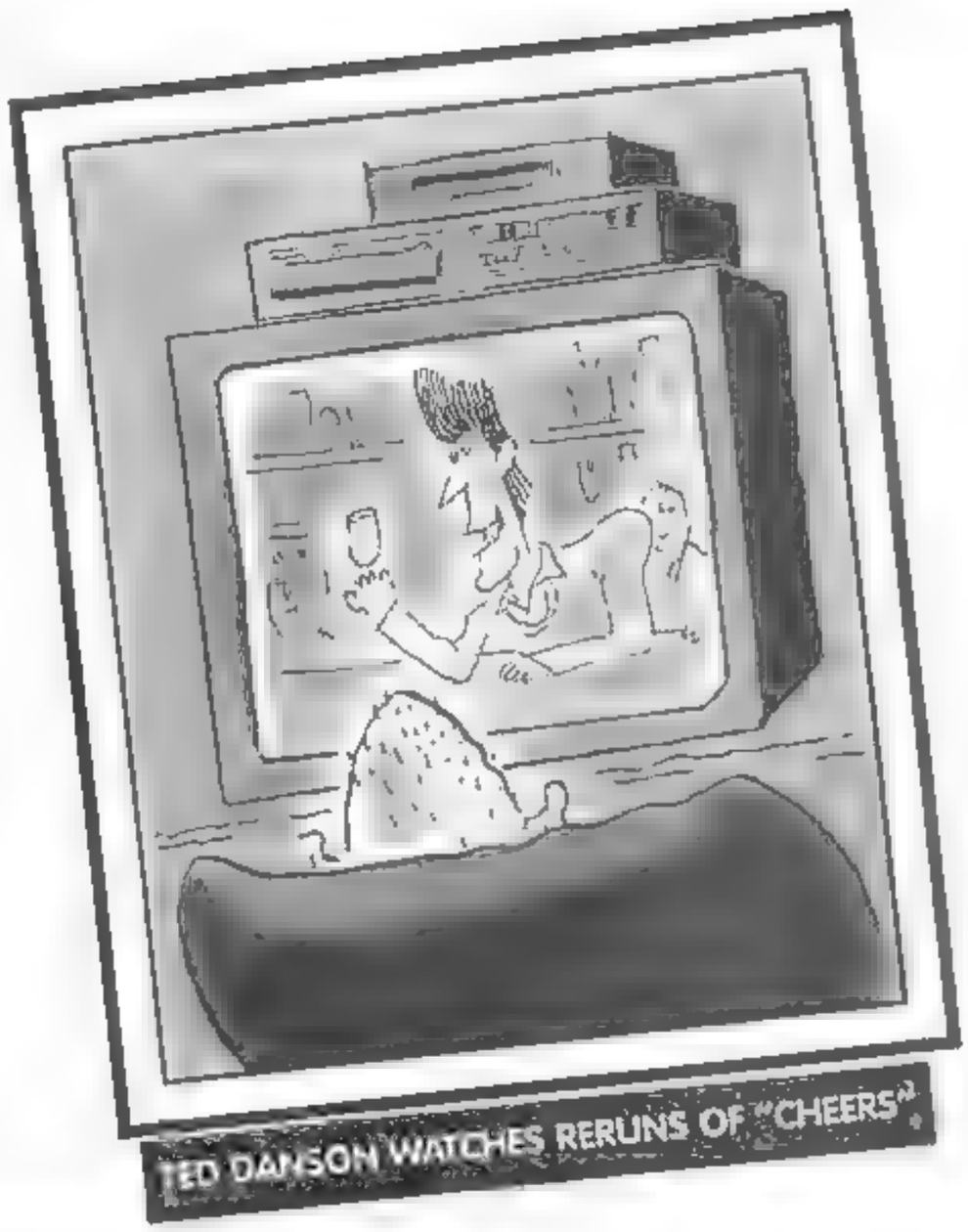
Hook up all winners to audible lie detectors. (And then let's see who they'd really like to thank!)

I'd like to thank the cast and crew. . .
My agent...
My wife...
Actually, I'd like to thank my mistress for not ratting on me to the I.R.S.
BZZT!
BZZT!
BZZ

NOTICE: Due to recent events, the annual Priest/Altar Boy Dinner-Dance has been cancelled.



SHAQUILLE O'NEAL WRITING TO HIS SWEETHEART



TED DANSON WATCHES RERUNS OF "CHEERS"

PRINTS HARMING DEPT.

Celebrities are image-obsessed, materialistic cry-babies! Rather than show their true selves to the world, they spend copious amounts of money to hire people who can successfully create a false but presentable picture of themselves that the public will blindly accept. Filtering information to a naive and unsuspecting public is not always that easy, however, for there are thousands upon thousands of...

PAPARAZZI SHO

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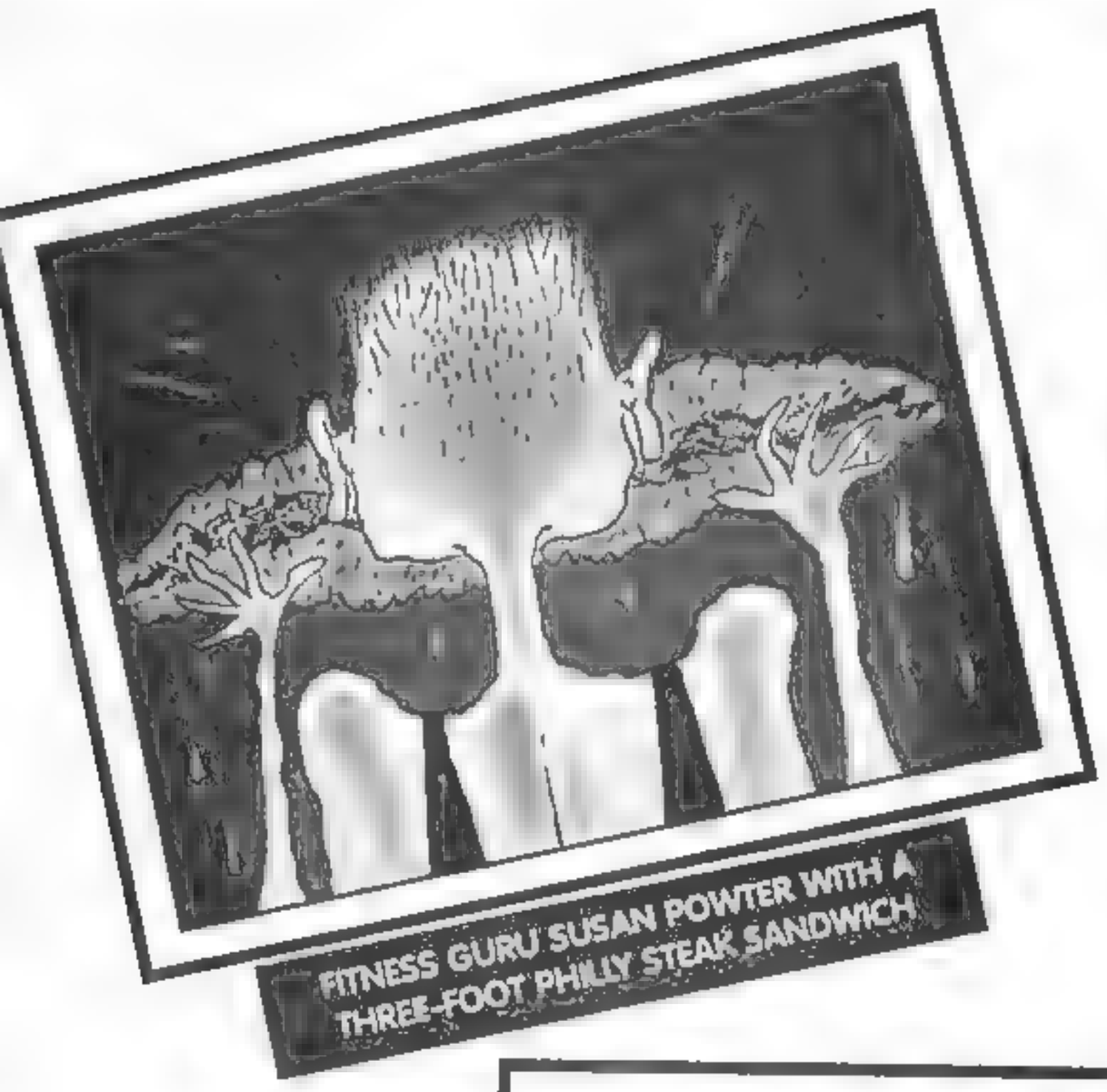
ARTIST AND WRITER PAUL PETER PORGES

HILLARY CLINTON GETS RID OF SOME PRIVATE TRASH

JANE FONDA BUSTS HER LEOTARD



FITNESS GURU SUSAN POWTER WITH A THREE-FOOT PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH

BARNEY TAKING A TEN MINUTE SHOOTING BREAK

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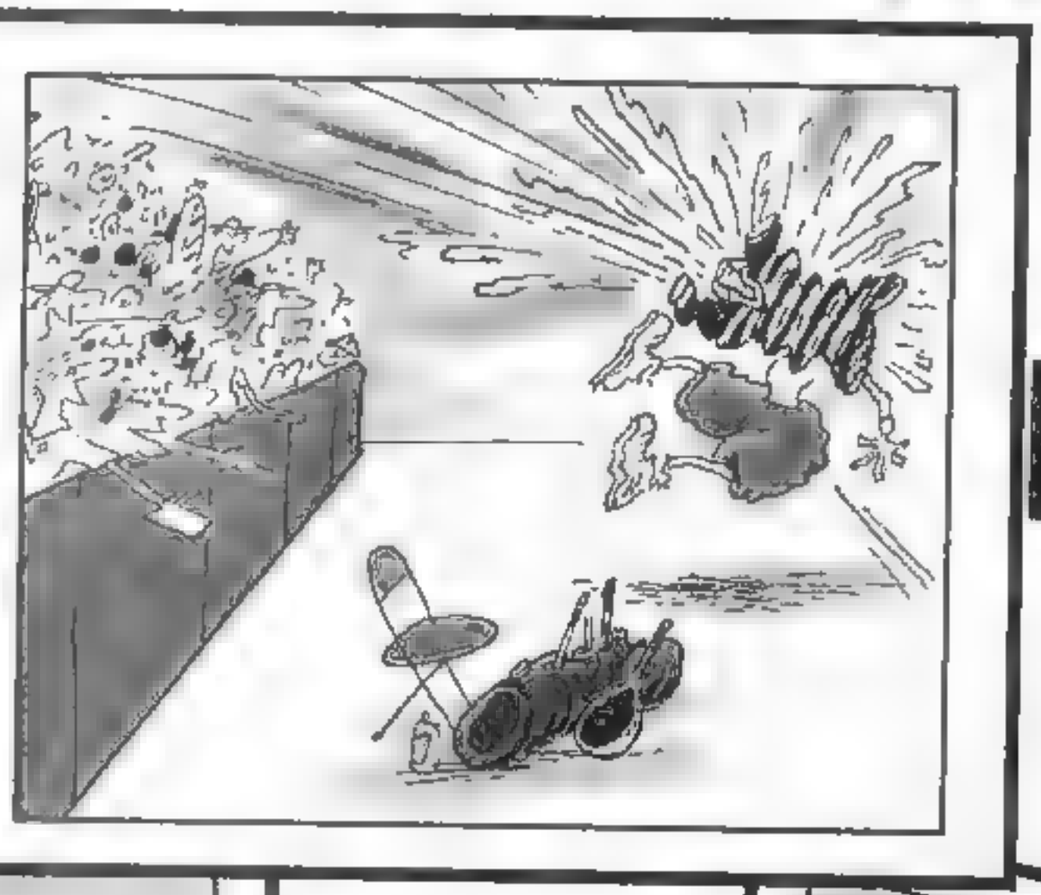


INGRATE FAN RETURNS SWEATY TENNIS SHIRT TO ANDRE AGASSI

BARBRA STREISAND WAITING FOR CURTAIN CALL

LARRY KING WITH TOO MUCH LOOSE CHANGE IN HIS POCKETS

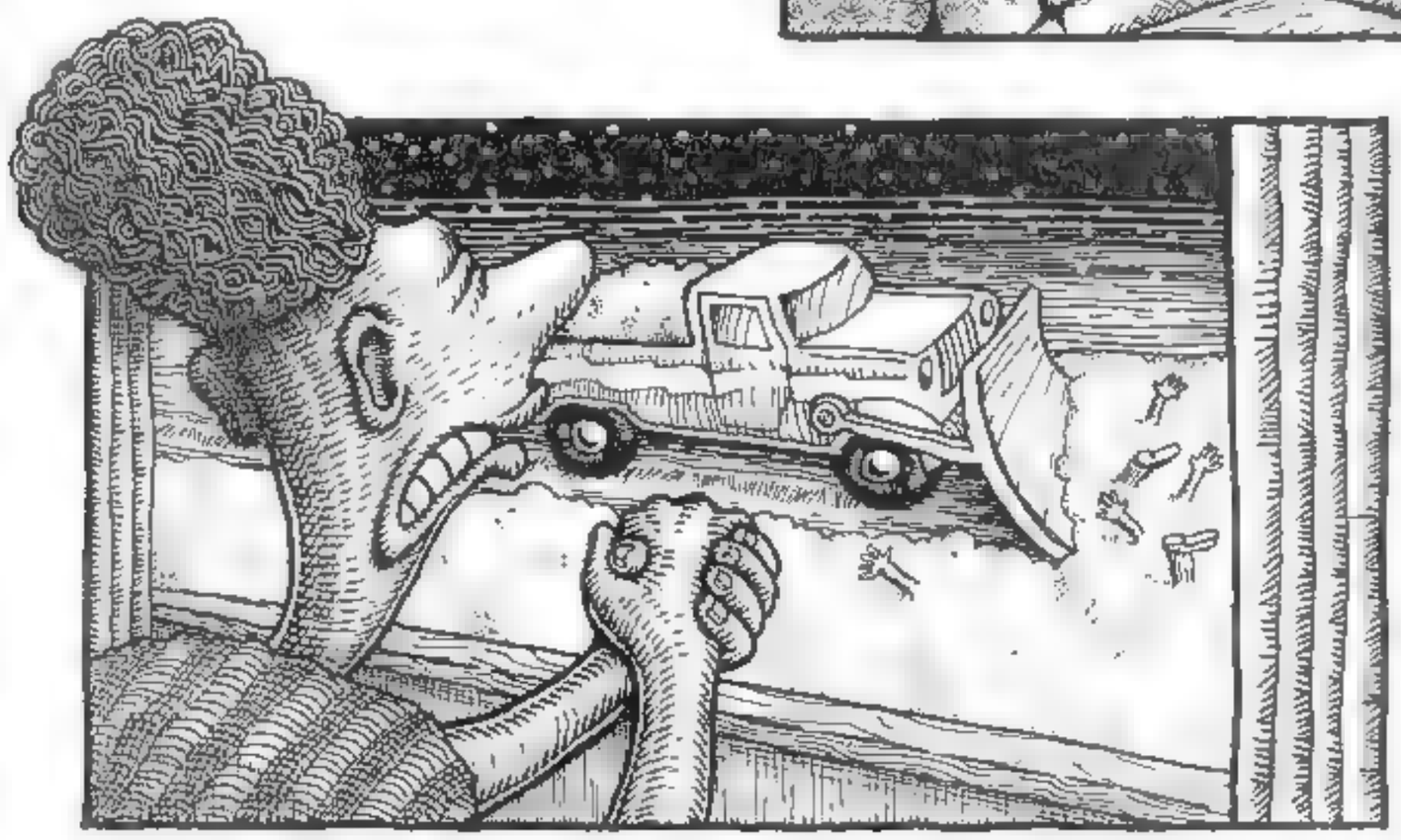
So, Pat Robertson and his holier-than-thou pals want prayer in public schools, huh? Okay, fine with us! But ol' Rev Pat and his flock can't expect our nation's youngsters to go spouting off esoteric stuff like The Apostles' Creed. (Wasn't Apostles' Creed a boxer in *Rocky*?) No sir, they need something more accessible, more relevant, more now! Like these...

PRACTICAL SCHOOL PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS

ARTIST: DENNIS LANGDON, JR WRITER: PASTOR DAN LOZER

Prayer Before Eating A School Lunch

Dear God, please smite whatever bacteria thrives in the food I am about to ingest before it smites me. May the fish be white, the lettuce green, and the gravy any recognizable color. May the meal contain no portions which slither away, or devour the other items on my plate for itself. May my body always remain a holy vessel to cleanse and ward off the chemicals, preservatives and toxic wastes which surely lie within this sad cafeteria lunch. **Amen.**



Prayer For A "Snow Day"

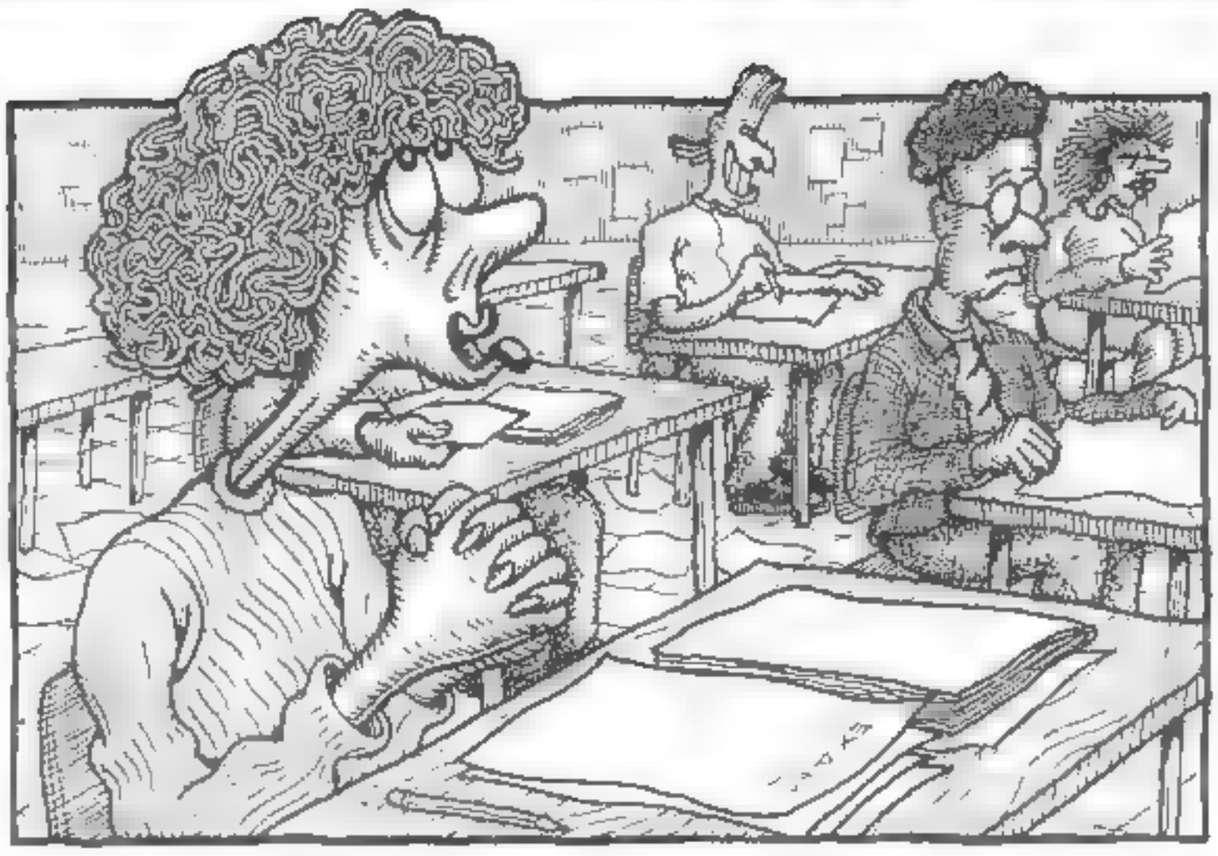
O epistemological manifestation of the ontological ground of all being, may Thy massive flakes continue to fall at a rapid pace; may Thy Doppler Radar show ever increasing clouds and mighty snowstorms; may Thy highways and alternate routes, and yea, even Thy bridges and overpasses, be dangerously iced and snarled with traffic; may Thy School Superintendent declare a snow emergency for this day and evermore. **Amen.**

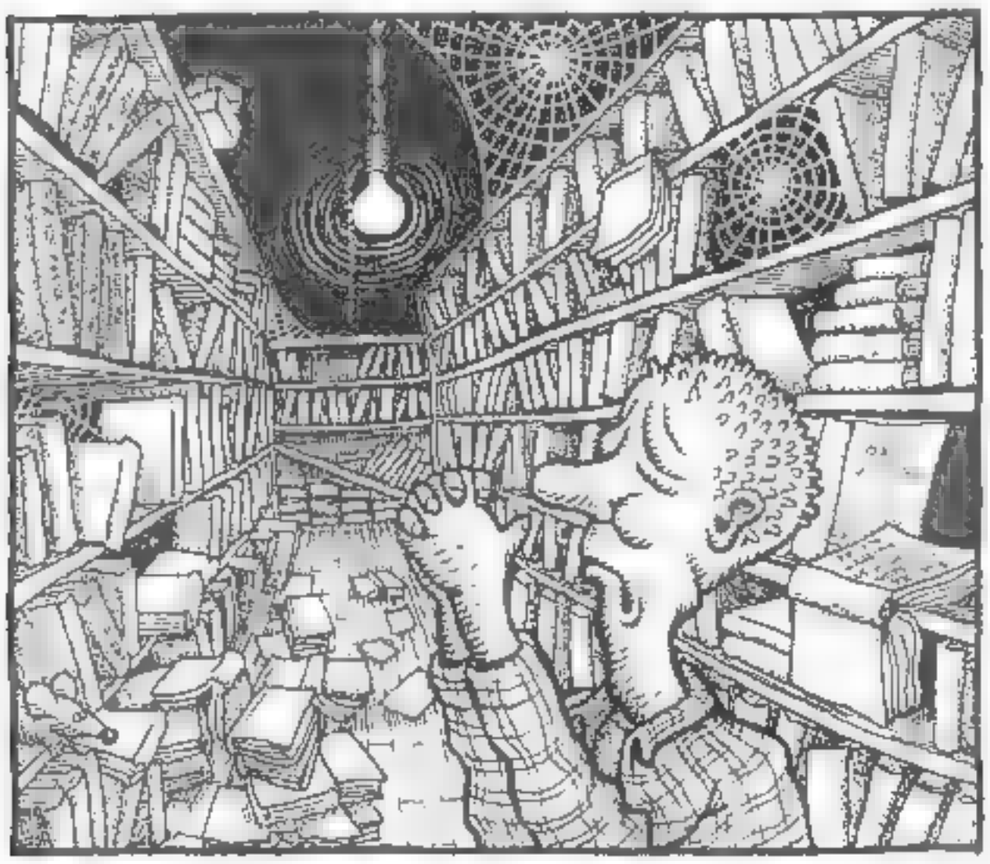
Prayer Before A Blind Date

Great Spirit, I am about to go on a date with one of Your creatures. I beseech Thee, when it is said that he has a "nice personality," may it not mean that he has the charm and sex appeal of an obese K-Mart cashier. May he not turn out to be a computer geek, chronic drooler or fan of Kenny G. Most of all, may he be free of foul odors, unsightly acne and easily transmitted diseases. **Amen.**

Prayer Before Taking A College Entrance Exam

Dear God, it is written, "Judge not lest ye be judged." Yet judged I am about to be. May I know the proper opinions to write in my essay, so that in its final judgment it be deemed "intelligent" and "insightful," though it be bovine fecal matter. Guide me through my confusion and ignorance so that I may guess as They would have me guess. May my test scores qualify me for an institute of higher learning so that I may be spared the indignation of ever uttering the words, "Sir, would you care to Super Size that for only 39 cents more?" **Amen.**





Prayer Before Using An Underfunded School Library

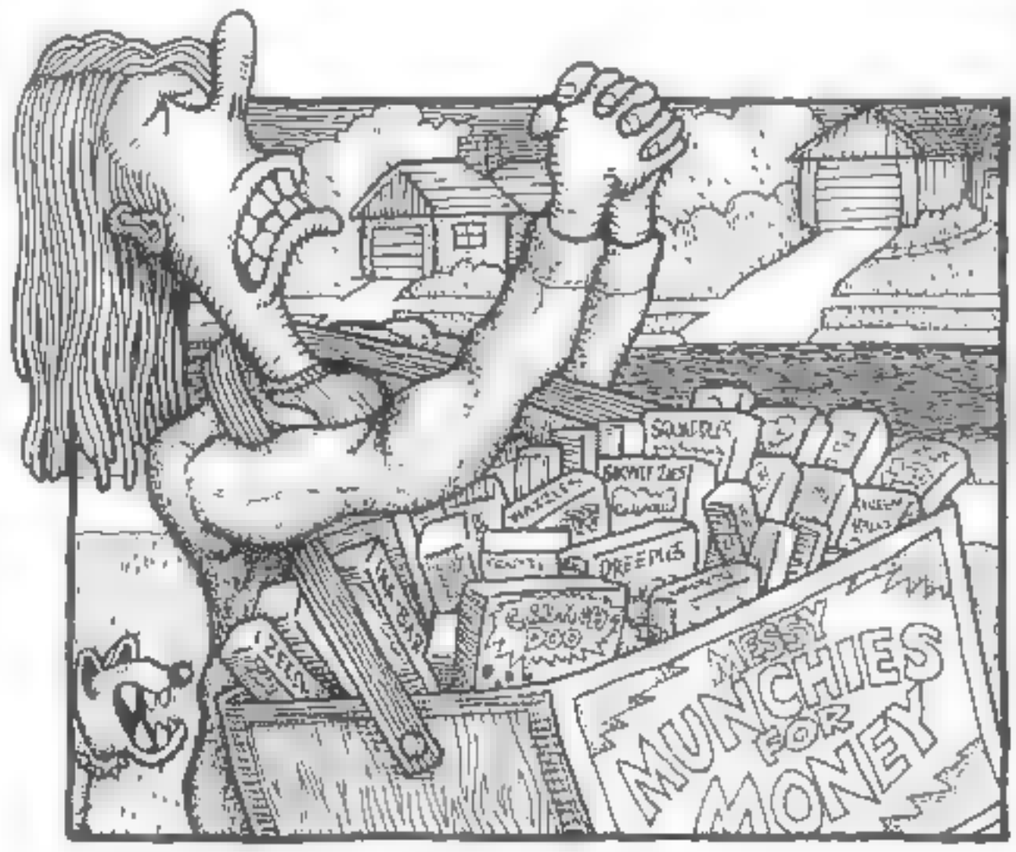
Wise and infallible Lord, Thou truly art the source of all knowledge, not this wretched library. Deliver me from this ancient evil, the Dewey Decimal System, which leads me astray in my quest for academic enlightenment. I beseech Thee to direct me to the parts of the "Space Exploration" article in the 1967 World Book which may still be deemed useful. May the lost souls on the School Board see the error of their ways and restoreth funding to Thy literary temple, bringing forth a new copy of Huckleberry Finn to replaceth the current copy which lacketh pages 7 - 117. **Amen.**

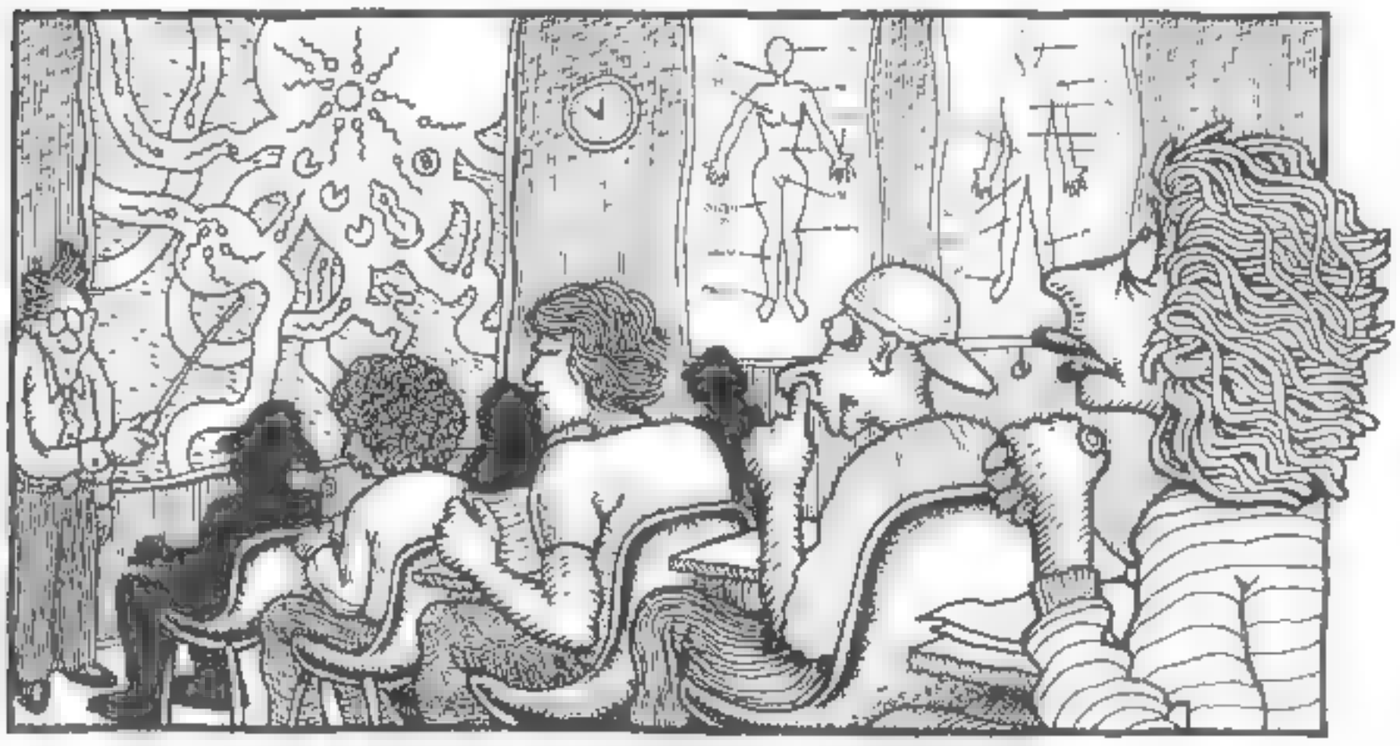
Prayer Before Huckstering Candy, Cookies Or Other Junk

Blessed are You, O Mighty and Powerful in the Sky! As I go forth to solicit these unholy examples of our daily bread, grant that my relatives and neighbors buy no less than one box of everything I am selling, whether they desireth it or not; grant that my customers shall never come to know the exorbitancy of the prices I have been instructed to charge; grant that my total lack of enthusiasm shall not translate into a total lack of sales nor incur the wrath of my parents when they are compelled to purchase $112 worth of snacks rich in hydrogenated oils. In the name of the First Musketeer, the Second Musketeer and the Third Musketeer.* **Amen.**

***Insert the following line when selling Raffle Tickets**

May the misguided purchasers of my tickets discover not the slimness of their chances of winning, until after I have taken their money and fled their home.





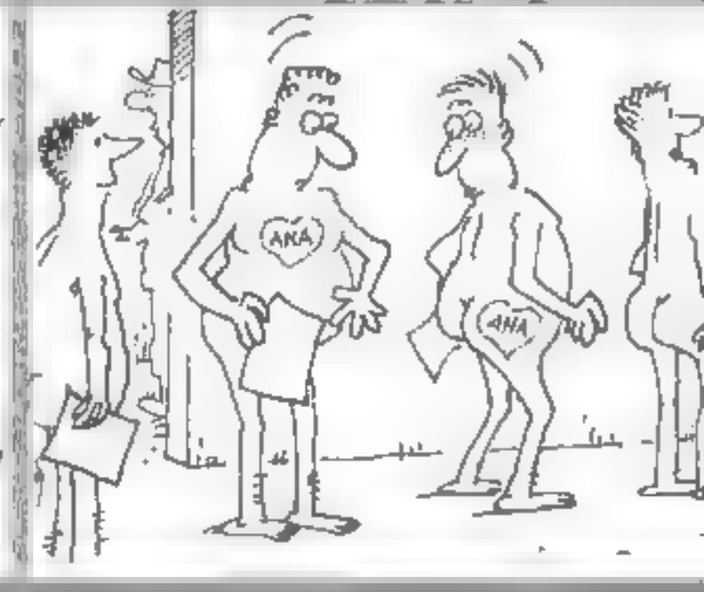
Prayer Before A Sex Education Lecture

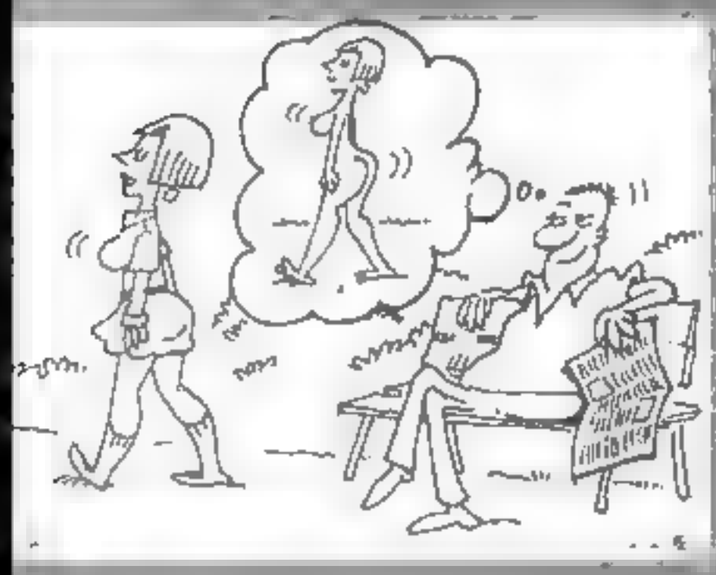
O God Almighty, who has seen us naked from birth. Have mercy on our souls and protect us from those "experts" who reduce the wondrous ecstasy of sex to mere biology, using terms like "spermatozoa," "fallopian tubes" and "zygote." Spare me from excessive giggling during the in-depth discussion on the "function of the gonads." May the condom demonstration not involve fresh produce. Finally, may I get to know in the Biblical sense the hunk in the third row, two seats in front of me, so that we may put this abundance of enlightenment we have gained here into practice. **Amen.**

UNSURPRISING STATISTIC #423: Only .00027% of all whoopee cushions and fake vomit are purchased by women!

SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

A WAD LOOK

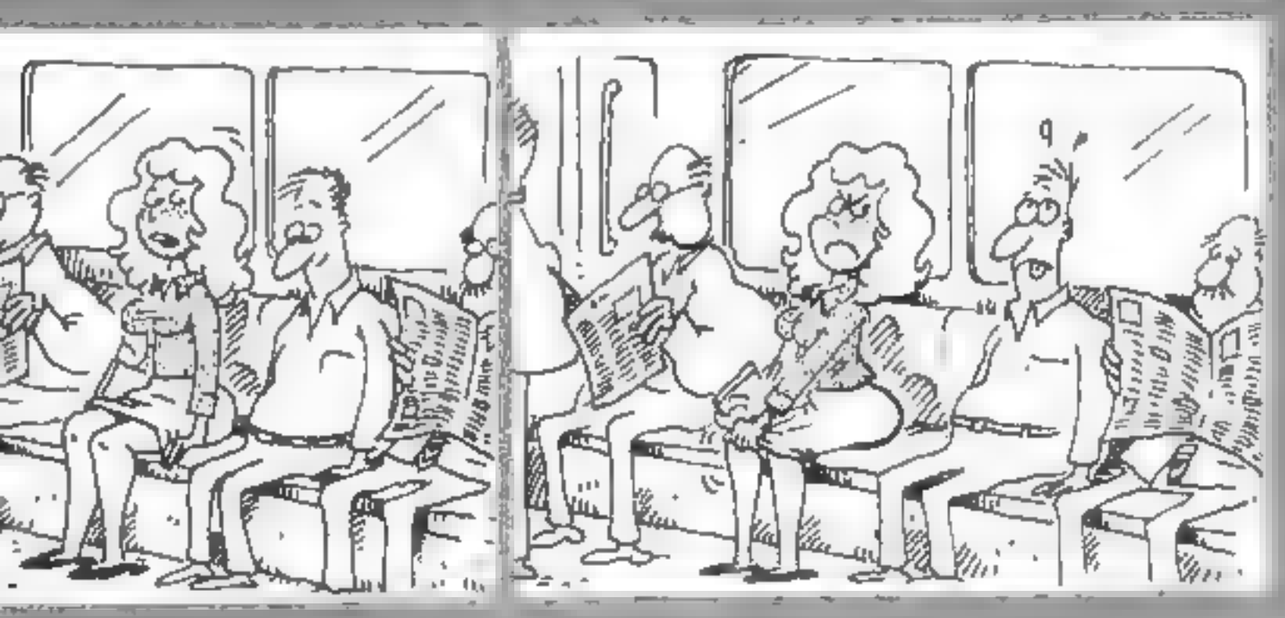


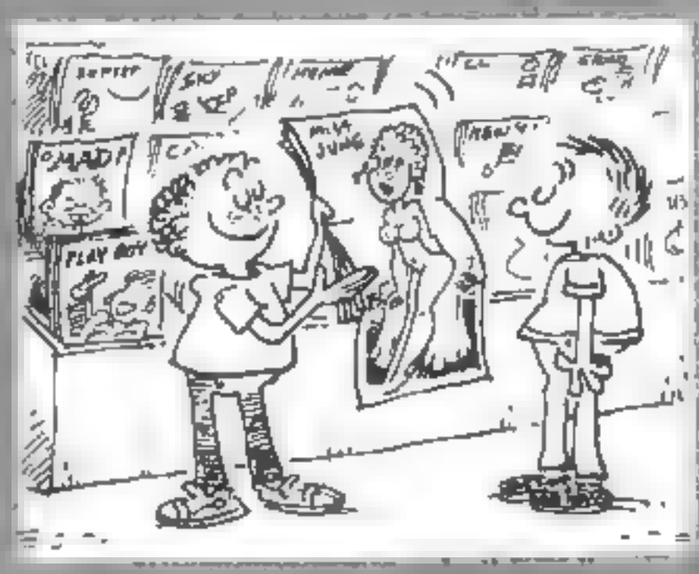


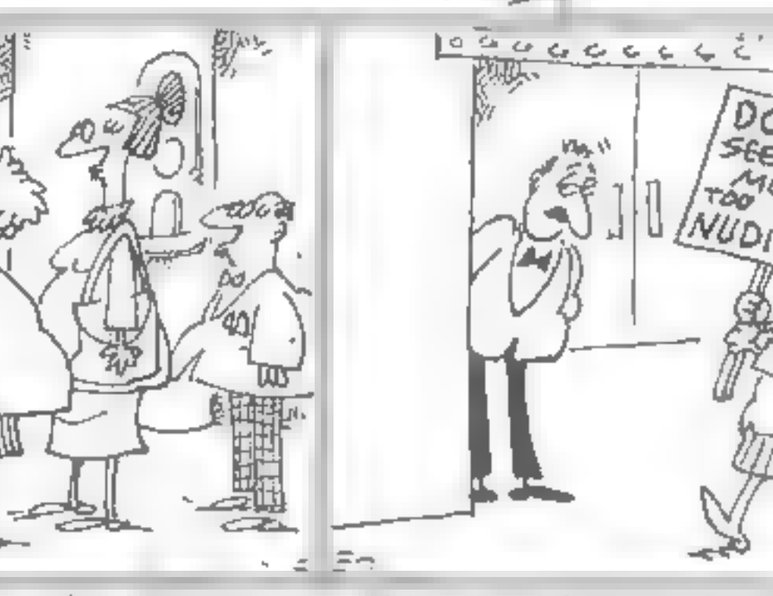
ATTENTION PEOPLE WHO SCRATCH THEMSELVES UNDER THE ARM THEN TRY AND SNEAK A QUICK FINGER SNIFF We see you!

AT NUDIT

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES







CORRECTION: The labels of all shampoo bottles sold in the U.S. in the last 50 years should read, "Lather Rinse. Don't repeat, whatever you do for God's sake!"

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES
WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

It was a **typical** day! We had just **closed** an important **case!** We couldn't **solve** it, so we just closed it the way we **always close cases** we **can't** solve — by **dropping** the **folder** behind the **filing cabinet!** Just as we were about to go out to **celebrate another** case successfully **hidden,** a **man** entered! A **big** man! He looked like an **athlete!** A **famous** athlete! My unerring police instincts told me it was **O.J. Simpson,** but **not** being a fan of professional **water polo** I wasn't **sure!** Another **mystery** I couldn't **solve!** But since he was too **big** to slip **behind** the **filing cabinet** I introduced myself as **Detective Frank Drebin!**

POLICE SQUAD: O.J. ON THE ROCKS

I'm O.J. Simpson! I'm convinced that there's a murderer loose in this town! And I vowed that when I became a free man, I'd find him!

Hmm, I seem to recall something about you and some murders on TV not too long ago! But the phone rang and I must have missed the coverage! Tell me something about the murders, Mr. Simpson! Was anyone killed?

Yeah, the victims!

Why is it always the victims who get killed! It doesn't seem fair!

Look! It's O.J. Simpson!

Are his kids, Bart and Lisa, with him?

BUFFALO BILL

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JOHNNIE BILL

ANNUAL CLUE DRIVE DROP CLUES HERE

ELVIS

I MUST KILL JACKO. I MUST KILL JACKO..

We'll re-investigate the case, Mr. Simpson! We'll find the real murderer! You can rest assured the LAPD is on the job!

Hey, man, tell me about it!

That news sure does put me at rest!

CANT WE ALL JUST GET ALONG

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION

We have some important criminal investigating to do, Ed! Where's Nordberg?

Nordberg's away for a few days, Frank!

It figures! Just when I tell him to take some time off, he decides to go away on vacation!

Having a trained eye for details, a nose for smelling out anything fishy and a mouth for telling you about it in these boring voice-overs, I suddenly noticed something...

OOPS... SORRY!

Damn! O.J. forgot his gloves! What a thrill. I'm holding the gloves that belong to a celebrity!

Look, Frank! Your hands are all red! Is that ketchup?

No, these expensive, imported gloves are wet with something like blood! This is a bad sign!

You're not kidding! He could catch arthritis wearing wet gloves!

We headed for the Simpson home! I doubted we'd find any new clues, but I had to use the bathroom, and I hate public toilets! Too many strangers use them! Then again, the idea Kato Kaelin might have used O.J.'s bathroom didn't exactly delight me, either!

S. GUMBY DR

This homeless situation is getting out of control! Look! There are five on our hood alone!

Er, Frank, those aren't homeless people! And that restaurant you just drove through *wasn't* a drive-thru restaurant!

It is now! It's about time they kept up with this fast-paced society!

How come every time I go out on an investigation, it rains?

Because you usually knock over a fire hydrant when you park!

Well, those hydrants shouldn't be so close to the curb! They should be locked up so kids can't get at them!

What about firemen? They need water!

Let them drink Evian like everyone else in this town!

M. KORN ST

We arrived at the Simpson house! I wanted to get a closer look, but I didn't have $20!

Oh, it's you, Lieutenant! You don't have to pay the $20! It will be just $10 each for you guys! Now that Mr. Simpson is a free man, we're protecting his privacy while trying to pay off his Dream Team debts!

GET A CLOSER LOOK 20"

Can I be of any assistance? I'm Detective Mark Fuhrman!

Detective Mark Fuhrman? I was told you were the *gardener* Mark Fuhrman!

The gardener? Who told you that?

At Police Squad they said you were in charge of planting things!

You're big with the "N" word, aren't you?

I have not used the "N" word in the past ten years —

We heard some tapes you made and you used the "N" word dozens of times!

Let me finish my sentence! I never used the "N" word in the past ten years in the presence of a black man when I was alone and unarmed!

I want you to know that at Police Squad, we don't use labels, you... you... White Supremacist WASP-ass you! And we especially don't use the "N" word or the "A" word or the "B" word or...

We're re-investigating this case! I was checking to see if there were any overlooked clues!

I have a trunk full of clues!

From this crime scene?

Maybe not from this particular crime scene! But they're from a crime scene, so I don't see what difference it makes! I mean, a crime scene is a crime scene!

I think he's got you there, Frank!

I'm Lt. Frank Drebin, and I'm re-investigating the Simpson case!

Well, the dog put up an awful fuss around 11:00 PM!

I've already taken a statement from the dog! "Arf arf! Ruff! Ruff!"

The dog saw somebody on the roof? I'll check it out!

I'M AKITA BANANA..

CORRECTION: The [illegible]12[illegible] "John 3:16" signs held [illegible] during TV sportscasts over the last 2[illegible] years should have read "Luke 2:23 " We regret the [illegible] inconvenience

Is there anything new you'd like to add to your statement?

Yeah, how come everyone connected with the case except the dog and me got a book contract? Justice sucks!

I was about to leave when I had the good fortune to see Kato Kaelin packing his belongings! Probably to take them to a new celebrity's home where he could freeload in luxury!

You've stayed here at O.J.'s home rent-free for over a year! Do you consider yourself a hanger-on?

Not at all! I'm the best professional house guest on earth!

Well, if you're so good, how come you never won the Houseman Trophy?

What did you tell the court O.J. was doing at the time of the murders?

He was practicing his golf swing! Or taking a shower! Or practicing his golf swing in the shower! Or taking a shower on his miniature golf course! I forget which!

I still say he was practicing his golf swing with a number five iron blade! And I can plant one to prove it!

You made those accusations before, Detective Fuhrman! This is our investigation now! We get to make up our own accusations!

What's the maid, Rosa Lopez, doing back here? I thought she went back to El Salvador!

Shhh! Not too loud! They convinced her this is her native land and that she's working for O.J.'s identical twin, who lives in a very similar house!

How can I cook here? This casa is just like Señor O.J.'s, except all the grando, sharp knives are missing! What am I supposed to do, use a numero cinco iron knife?

Since this is a re-investigation, Mr. Kaelin, do you have anything new to add?

Just that I recently faced a potentially career-destroying experience!

What, testifying at the O.J. trial?

No, that was fun! I'm talking about guesting on the *MAD TV* show! What a mistake! Thank heavens so few people saw it!

In the garden, I found a hot clue! I put it in my pocket before I realized it had just been deposited there by O.J.'s dog! With my clean hand, I discovered some blood-stained African-American hairs which I took to the Police Squad lab!

The DNA on these hairs matches the victims' DNA! It's definitely O.J.'s!

DNA, PLO, PMS! Does anyone use words anymore? My ESP says these hair fibers are a dead end!

Dead end? I thought the murder took place on a cul-de-sac! I'll go check it out!

Okay, let's say we've assembled all the evidence we can find!

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So we're looking for a tall — slash — ex-football player — slash — actor — who may be into slashing — slash...

Slash? The guitar player from Guns N' Roses? I don't know how he figures into this, but I'll go check it out!

UM TE DUM

KICK ME

How are we going to find someone who fits that description, Frank? It's not like they're just going to walk through that door!

Hi, guys! I'm back from my vacation!

MI ZZALI'NA PIZZA

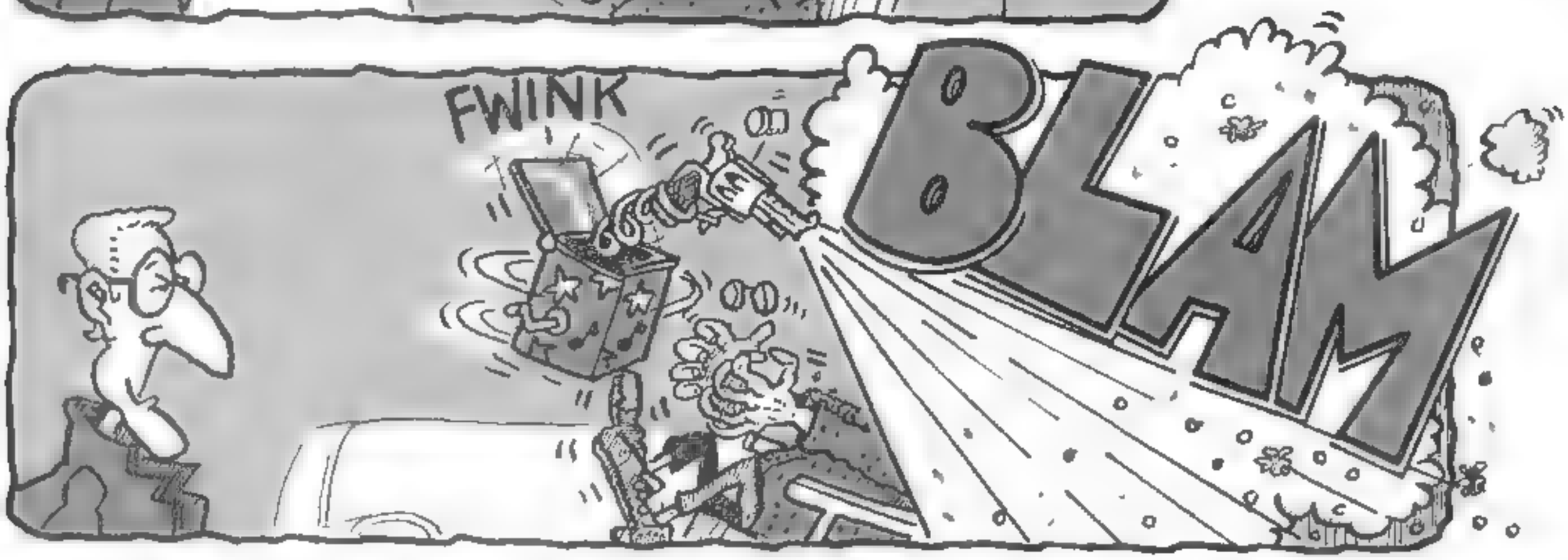
Just in time! Wait a second! Nordberg! You're a tall — slash — ex-football player — slash — wife-beater from way back! You fit the profile of the person we're searching for exactly! We're holding you for the murders at the Simpson estate!

I just remembered I left something outside in my white Bronco! I'll be right back, I promise!

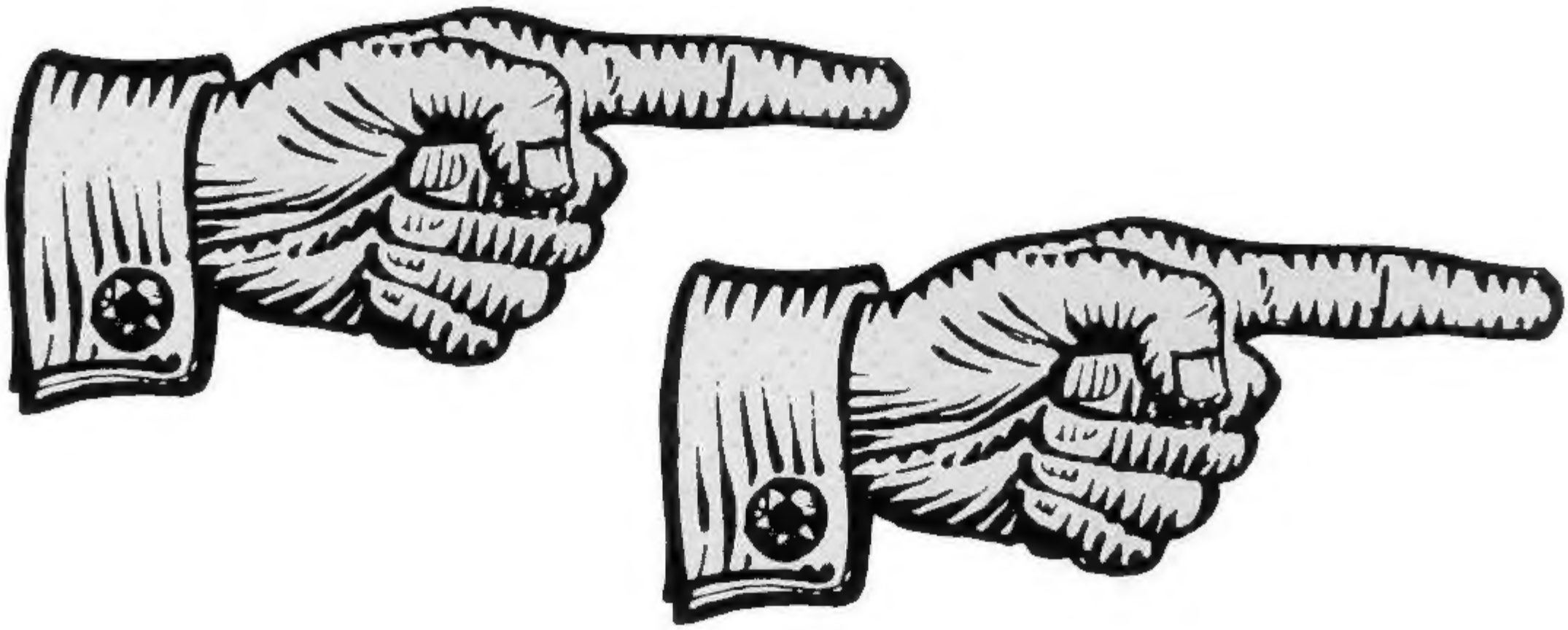
See? That's it! Nordberg did it! I told you I was innocent! The LAPD came through for me again!

NBA/AMA Update: Hakeem Olajuwon – besides being an all-star center for the Houston Rockets – is the combination of syllables most effective in dislodging phlegm from the lungs of cold and flu sufferers.

THE PERNICIOUS PLAYTHING PAYOFF



ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING



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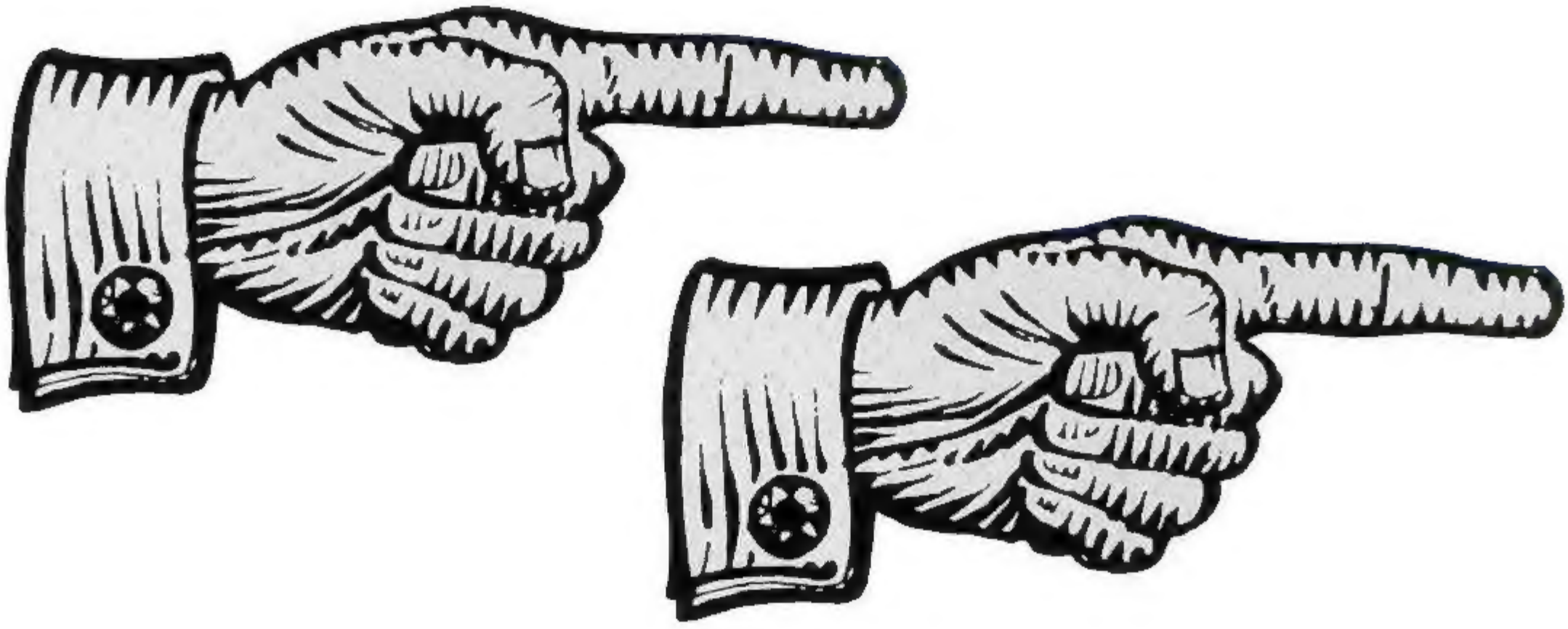

WHAT'S THE NEW HOT SPORTS FAN COLLECTIBLE?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

There are no more avid collectors than wild-eyed sports fans. They collect everything from trading cards and game-worn jerseys to game-worn socks! But now, there is a new trend in professional sports collectibles. To find out what the newest and hottest thing is, fold page in as shown.

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SPORTS COLLECTIBLES ARENA

TEAM CAPS, SHIRTS, CARDS, AND OTHER MEMORABILIA

TENNIS
HOCKEY
BASEBALL
43 MAN SQUAMISH
BASKETBALL
THUMB WRESTLING
SOCCER
FOOTBALL

POLLS SHOW FAN CLUBS OF MANY SPORTS ENTICE NUMEROUS OTHERS TO JOIN AS FELLOW MEMBERS
238 MILLION FANS WENT TO SPORTS EVENTS IN 1995

SPORT-A-THON ★ SALE-A-THON

TENNIS
HOCKEY
BASEBALL
SOCCER
FOOTBALL

MUTUAL INTEREST IN ATHLETIC ITEMS CAN BRING LEGIONS OF BUYERS AND SELLERS OUT TO SHOWS FEATURING THINGS FROM ALL KNOWN SPORTS

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WHAT'S THE NEW HOT SPORTS FAN COLLECTIBLE?

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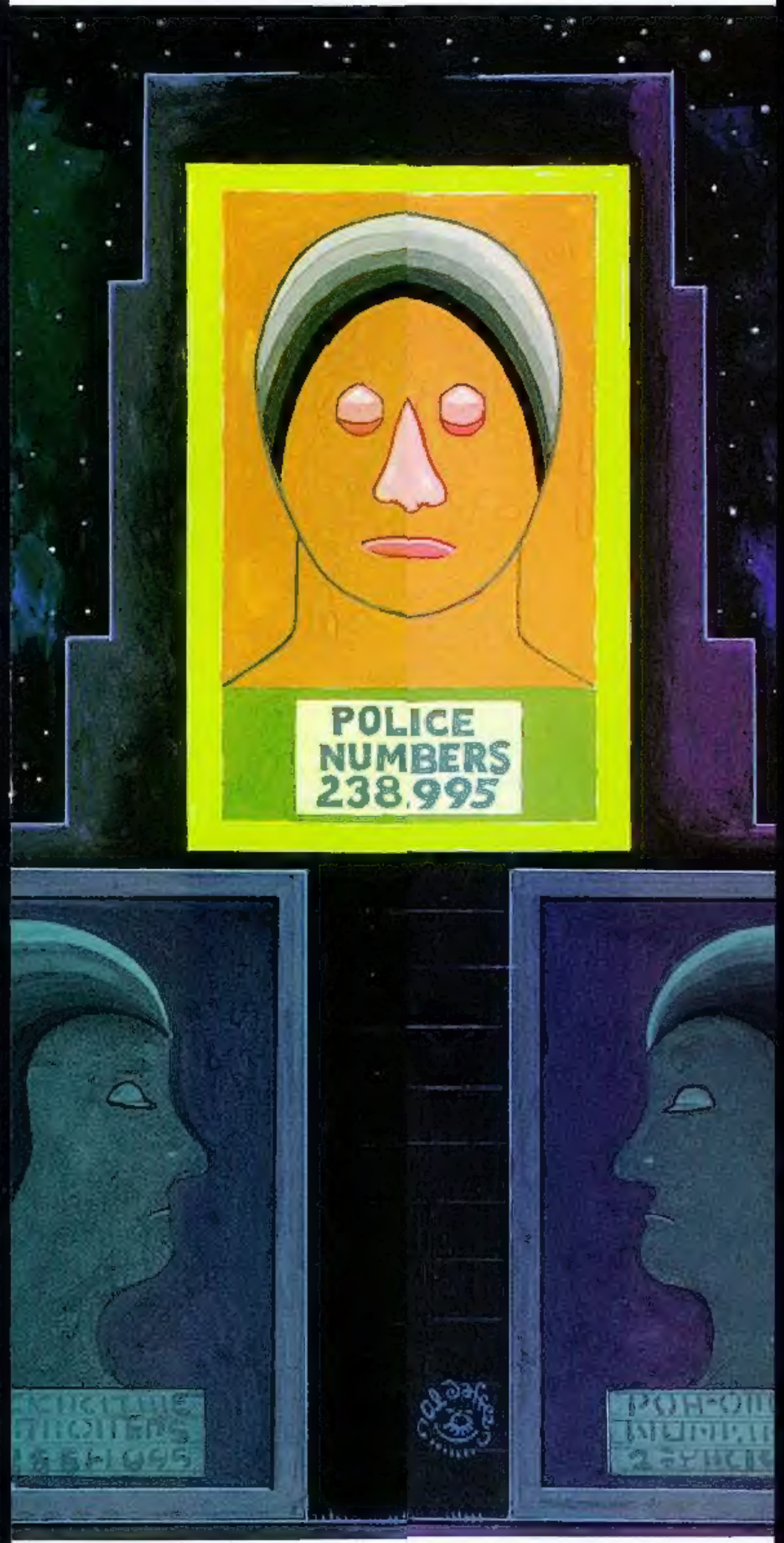

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Dink Clod's ROCK and ROLL REMEMBER

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DAVID SHAYNE

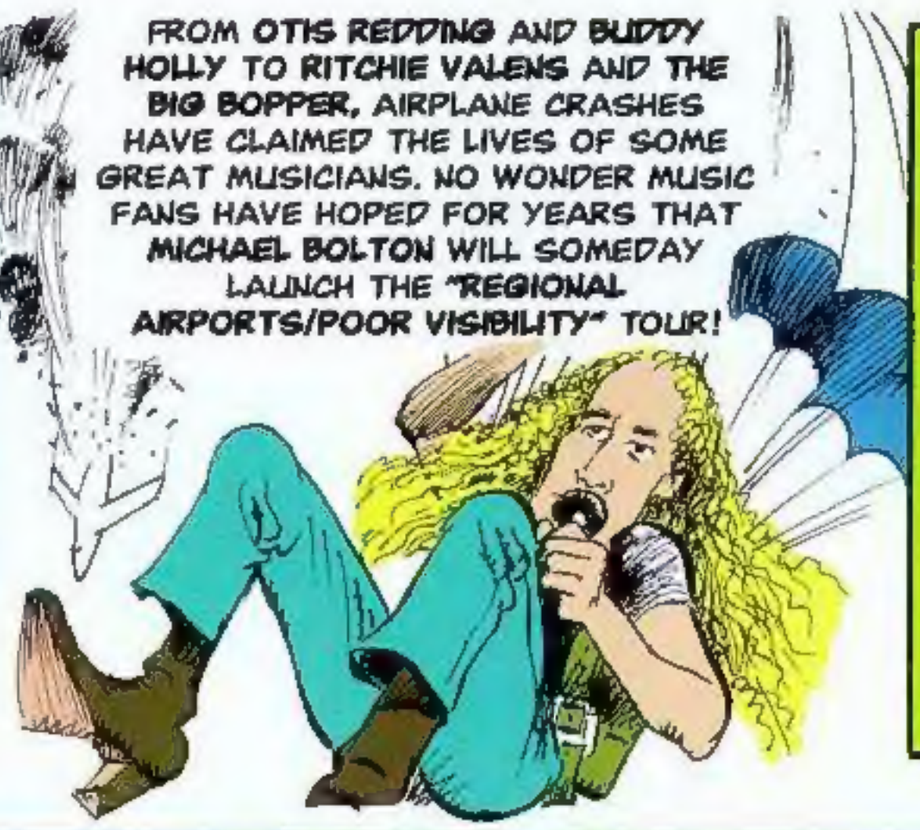
MANY ROCK STARS ARE CONCERNED WITH SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND NONE MORE THAN **GUNS N' ROSES GUITARIST SLASH**, WHO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL RAISE ALL 10,000+ SPECIES OF LIFE FOUND IN THE BRAZILIAN RAINFOREST IN HIS HAIR!

OVERWEIGHT AND OUT OF SHAPE, **ELVIS PRESLEY** REPORTEDLY WEIGHED 268 POUNDS WHEN HE DIED IN 1977. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU SUBTRACT THE PART OF HIS MASS THAT WAS PURE, UNDIGESTED BUTTER, HE WAS ACTUALLY A SVELTE 174 POUNDS!

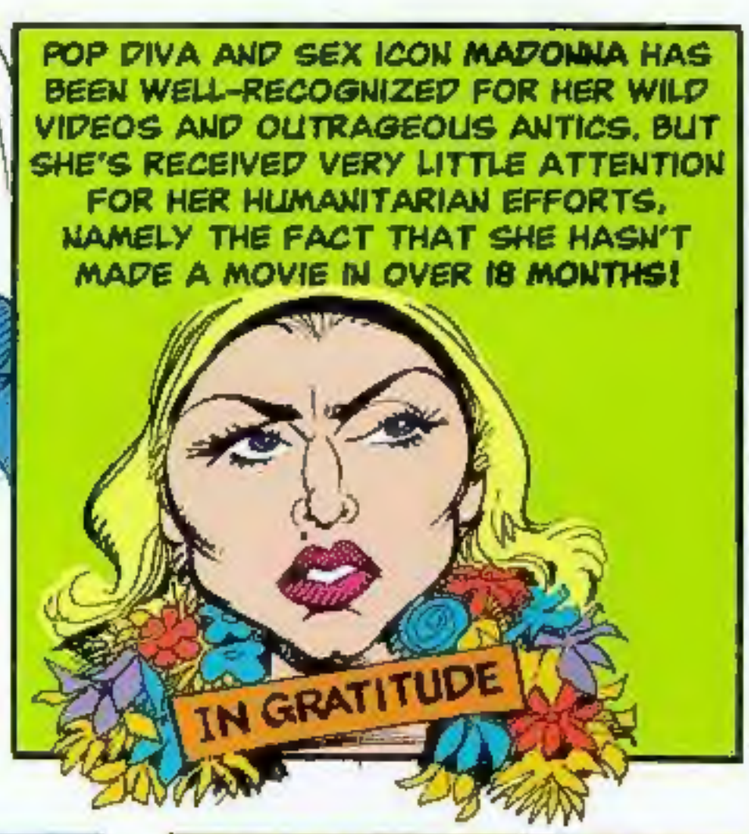
SHERYL CROW ALMOST MISSED OUT ON SCORING A NUMBER ONE HIT WITH HER SINGLE, "ALL I WANNA DO (IS HAVE SOME FUN)". CREDIT HER PRODUCER FOR NIXING THE ORIGINAL TITLE: "ALL I WANNA DO (IS HAVE A DIGITAL RECTAL EXAM)"!

WITH HIS LAST ENTERTAINING ALBUM, **PURPLE RAIN**, RELEASED IN 1984, THE ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS **PRINCE** ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS GOING TO CHANGE HIS NAME AGAIN TO THE ARTIST WHO PEOPLE FORMERLY CARED ABOUT!

FROM **OTIS REDDING** AND **BUDDY HOLLY** TO **RITCHIE VALENS** AND THE **BIG BOPPER**, AIRPLANE CRASHES HAVE CLAIMED THE LIVES OF SOME GREAT MUSICIANS. NO WONDER MUSIC FANS HAVE HOPED FOR YEARS THAT **MICHAEL BOLTON** WILL SOMEDAY LAUNCH THE **"REGIONAL AIRPORTS/POOR VISIBILITY"** TOUR!



POP DIVA AND SEX ICON **MADONNA** HAS BEEN WELL-RECOGNIZED FOR HER WILD VIDEOS AND OUTRAGEOUS ANTICS. BUT SHE'S RECEIVED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION FOR HER HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS, NAMELY THE FACT THAT SHE HASN'T MADE A MOVIE IN OVER 18 MONTHS!



WITH THE LOSS OF A TESTICLE IN A RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT, RAPPER **TUPAC SHAKUR** HAS CHANGED HIS NAME TO **ONE-PAC!**

IT TOOK A WHILE FOR THE **O'JAYS** TO SELECT A NAME WHEN THEY FIRST FORMED IN THE '50S. IN A WEIRD TWIST, AMONG THE REJECTED NAMES WERE: **"THE ITOS," "THE KATOS,"** AND **"THE SHAPIROS!"**

SAY WHATEVER YOU LIKE ABOUT HIS SUCCESSES, BUT THERE'S NO DENYING THE FACT THAT **"BON JOVI"** MEANS **"NO TALENT"** IN SEVERAL CHINESE DIALECTS!